

LEGION NOTES

STEWARTTOWN

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This week we have very little to write about . . . don't know what's happened to our usual sources of information they seem to be unusually quiet. However there is something we'd like to talk about briefly . . . and that is, the Legion sponsored hockey program.

A good many new members have asked the question: when did the program originate. The answer to that is easy. The whole idea started at a meeting held in November 1951, when the scheme was looked on as a rather dubious experiment. The meeting was held in the Legion Hall, and a chairman was elected, Alf Sykes. As an after thought, Mayor Jack Armstrong, who was present at the meeting, suggested that if the Legion could see their way clear, it would be a good idea to go a little further, and sponsor a juvenile team. This was finally agreed to . . . and an entry was sent to the O.M.H.A. Registrations were called for and the Legion Hall was opened each Saturday morning for the lads to register. At first the response was slow (since then we've learned it's the last couple of registration days that the bulk of them come in) and the hockey committee was worried as to the ultimate outcome. However, before opening day some 150 had registered and a schedule and teams were drawn up. The Arena Board had very kindly offered the use of the ice on Saturday mornings, a fact that greatly aided the program, because without that the cost of paying for ice would have been prohibitive. The main snag was the lack of helpers on Saturday morning, a lack which is only now beginning to right itself, and could still stand improvement.

The first juvenile team went that year to undreamed of heights, finally winning the Ontario championship in Lindsay in the spring of 1952. At the end of the season, a hockey banquet was held for the lads, a practice that has been carried out each year, usually with the inclusion of a hockey great from the NHL. In two cases Bob Goldham coming out to speak to the lads, and also Jim Thompson of the Leafs. In 1953 a further step was taken with the inclusion of a juvenile and a junior team. However, this did not work out and became a decided headache to look after two competitive teams as well as the Saturday morning program. That year was also the first year to hold a Young Canada night, whereby the parents and adults of the community were given a chance to see the stars of tomorrow perform. This was carried out again this year in February, with a very notable success, when Detroit stars attended and the local citizens turned out in large numbers to see the lads play. Since 1953 the chairmen of the hockey program have been Frank Connelly and Bud James for two years, and this year, it was decided to add another co-chairman, Alex Korzack, in view of the expanded program.

Two years ago the entire group were outfitted with new sweaters, which although an expensive proposition, has made the whole program look a great deal more attractive to the onlooker. In closing, it would only be fair to mention that the whole program could not have been carried on so successfully, without the cooperation of those hardy souls who each Saturday are on hand to act as referees, goal judges, timekeepers, etc and in general to give Frank, Bud and Alex a hand.

Last Saturday afternoon saw the cribbage tournament held in the local branch, with a really good crowd on hand from all over the zone. The sports chairman (maybe you've met or heard of him) Bryce Smith of Streetsville, was on hand and the local chairman Dutch McCartney had things well organized, with a lot

**Dedicate Church Gifts
In John Bird's Memory**

At the service in St. John's church on Sunday afternoon two beautiful hymn boards and hymn numbers were dedicated by Rev. J. E. Maxwell. They were a gift from Mrs. John Bird in memory of her husband, Mr. John Bird, who passed away May 6th, 1954.

The Junior W.A. met as usual on Monday afternoon. Gretha Koeslag conducted the meeting choosing "Jesus Love Me" for the hymn. Thelma Ewen's presented the prayer for the Wednesday Pledge. The support of a cot at St. Luke's Hospital at Hebron, Palestine. Sewing on baby's clothes took up the busy period. The Junior W.A. will be 25 years old on Thursday, March 3rd.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Grant and family at the news that Mrs. Schoales, Mrs. Grant's aunt has passed away. Mr and Mrs. Schoales and family lived in Stewarttown before they moved to Toronto, some years ago.

A happy birthday to Doris Pickett who was eleven years on Thursday, March 3rd. Also to Bill Walker, a happy birthday last Sunday when he was 13 years old.

The W.A. meeting was held last week at Mrs. Sanford's home. The World Day of Prayer program was used. Mrs. C. Blizard conducting. Those taking part were Mrs. Walter Lawson, Mrs. W. Walker, Mrs. Smurthwaite, Mrs. Joe Standish, Mrs. John Bird and Mrs. Sanford.

BALLINAFAD

INDIA THEME FOR MISSION MEETING

The WMS met at the home of Mrs. W. Cassidy for their February meeting. The worship service was led by Miss M. Young, the theme being "The Church Universal in India" and stressed special prayer for our work in India. The roll call was answered with naming a Canadian missionary and telling something of their work. The supply of location for this year was read and discussed. Plans were made for the Easter Thanksgiving to be held on Easter Sunday evening if possible. The topic was read by Miss Hiltz and stated that we are responsible for so many denominations in the India Church which has been in the past very confusing to the people but which is gradually being overcome. The caste system is also being overcome but the people find it hard to give up old ways and habits. The Bible story on the conversion of Saul was read by Mrs. Russ. A special part of our meeting was the presenting of a life membership certificate and pin to Miss B. Hiltz.

The German measles and chicken pox are still prevalent in this community and have greatly affected the attendance at Blue Mountain School since the first of the year.

The World's Day of Prayer service was held in the church with Mrs. A. Lawr presiding. There were fifteen ladies present and Mrs. Jesse McEnery was appointed key woman for next year.

Mr and Mrs. B. McMenemy have sold their general store at Silvercreek to Mr and Mrs. Van Hoorn of Toronto. The new owners plan to open a snack bar in connection with the store.

Jim Kirkwood of Emmanuel College, Toronto spent the week-end at his home here.

of help from Frank Connelly, Jim Murph, and others too numerous to mention.

Port Credit won the tournament, with Acton second. Sez Dude "We was robbed!"



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While the more usual entrance is surrounded by officials at dedication ceremonies, Korean kids clamber around the rear window ledges of the first large school in the Seoul area built with materials supplied by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (UNKRA). The 11-room primary school, which will seat 550 children was built under UNKRA's \$1.8 million program for classroom construction for 1954. The reconstruction agency's program will build 1,000 schools with a further \$1 million.

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