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LEGION NOTES

by Les Clark

Well, sorry we didn't have a Legion column last week, but the main item of interest... namely the Decoration Day parade... was taken care of in the news columns of the paper. It was certainly a great day, with a good crowd on hand, and the support from other organizations and also from out-of-town branches of the Legion was magnificent. Certainly we didn't think there has been as impressive a parade in Georgetown since the Coronation Day affair. The parade was quite large, and was split into two sections, with Henry Shepherd, in charge of the parade and Dave Bowman in charge of the second section. Both the Lorne Scots Band and the Girls Pipe Band added greatly to the parade.

Congratulations and thanks to chief Roy Haley and his force for the magnificent job they did of directing the heavy traffic flow on Sunday at the parade. That's the best job that has been done by a police force directing traffic in Georgetown in many a day!

And now, may every member keep in mind that time is galloping along and it's only a few short weeks 'til the annual Remembrance Day is observed in town. So let's see a real effort for that, with every member on parade. Because no matter how the branch tries, it's still a sad fact that only a small percentage of the members turn out for these parades. A situation which should and not, and need not be!

Last Sunday in Milton, the Branch there observed an annual decoration day, with representatives from Georgetown attending. They had a fair sized parade also.

It does seem to the writer that a decided change has come over the whole zone in regard to these affairs with individual branches taking a much greater part and visiting back and forth frequently. And that's as it should be, because after all an organization such as the Legion should be in touch with each's thoughts on various things affecting them, and be prepared to act in unison if necessary.

There's a zone meeting in Streetsville next Sunday, and we would like to see a good representative group go over. As deputy zone commander, the writer is naturally interested in seeing a good turnout from Branch 120.

Congratulations from this corner to our dart team, who certainly outdid themselves in the annual CNE competition. Let's see you come home with the gold trophies next year, boys!

(And by the way, what's this we hear about one of your members being a four trophy winner, and yet to throw a dart? Must investigate that one.)

We received a lot of paper dealing with various aspects of Legion activities the other day, and were very happy to see that once again the Legion scholarships have gone over the top, with well over twenty being awarded to Ontario lads. This is a service that the Legion provincial command took on some years ago, and one that has met with singular success, and that with only a percentage of the branches contributing. It is interesting to note that the W.A.'s to the Legion apparently have taken it a great deal more seriously than the branches, with their donation coming in almost 100 per cent while the level of branch donations is much below

that. However, the branch donations in most instances are bigger. Happy to say, that Georgetown has donated handsomely to this for the past four years, and we hope will do so again. But what we started out to say is that this project was originated with the idea that in this day and age, a large number of scholarships are available for the brilliant student, but none for the lad who is just average. So a board was set up to administer this (with the active cooperation of high school principals) and each case is judged, not on a high academic standing, but rather on his ability to make a decent passing grade, and the financial need of his parents. It is one of the very few Legion projects which is naturally enough, limited to Legion members' sons.

In the same batch of "gunk" from the provincial command, we find that they are once more taking up the cudgel with the provincial government over the apparent discrimination towards Legions in the administration of the liquor laws in Ontario. There are three major points to the brief submitted to Prime Minister Frost, and it is hoped that this time he and his cabinet will get busy and act on them. Our good friend and liquor head, Judge Robb asked for suggestions and criticism to be presented in writing to his department and the government — so — now he's got them, so let's have action! A copy of the resolution is available on the bulletin board. Our own private contention is that a special department should be set up to deal with servicemen's clubs, because it's ludicrous to be treated by the same act that applies to public licensed premises — for after all that's only a small part of our activities, and of necessity licensed premises in the building have to be used for other activities. As one example, therefore, smaller branches (it doesn't affect us, as we have a non-licensed auditorium upstairs) can not rent or allow other organizations to use any part of their building, in many cases only one room) where the beer licence is in force! This therefore prevents many branches who only serve beer twice a week (and there are a large number of them) from allowing the use of those rooms on the other nights, even when the bar is known to be closed on said nights! Ridiculous, isn't it? Furthermore, a favourite complaint of ours, and one we ran in to many times in our four years as president, was that while an outside organization could rent the auditorium for an evening, and by the payment of a two dollar fee to the LCB, could obtain a permit to sell BOTH beer and hard liquor, this privilege is denied the legion, and that in their own building. By this we mean that at the present time the Legion can not obtain a liquor or as its commonly known "banquet licence" for an evening. However we know that the matter is under constant study, and possibly something will come of this protest.

The alterations in the upstairs certainly have added tremendously to the appearance of the auditorium. If we suggested a paint job for the whole room, would we be out of order. How about it, Boss?

We wonder if the comrades realize just how many gigantic strides this year's president and executive have made to make this a better and more comfortable Legion? Just look at the improvements around the hall and you'll be amazed. And we believe there is now talk of major alterations in what to us is one of the black spots of the hall, we mean the upstairs wash rooms. We often wonder how they were ever placed in the

present positions, but we believe that the executive has a plan to submit in the future for a much needed and a fairly good solution for the whole problem.

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ly the government could see fit to mark a day as a public holiday, as recommended by the Legion since time immemorial. But action must come from the top, and municipalities and branches cannot observe this day in a nationwide and fitting ceremony until one day has been set aside for the purpose. Surely this is not too much to ask of our legislators, in memory of those who gave their lives for their country.

Be sure to be on hand for the next regular monthly meeting, tomorrow night. We understand Jim and Norm have a real food surprise for the social afterwards. And there's a lot of business to be dealt with, Comrades.

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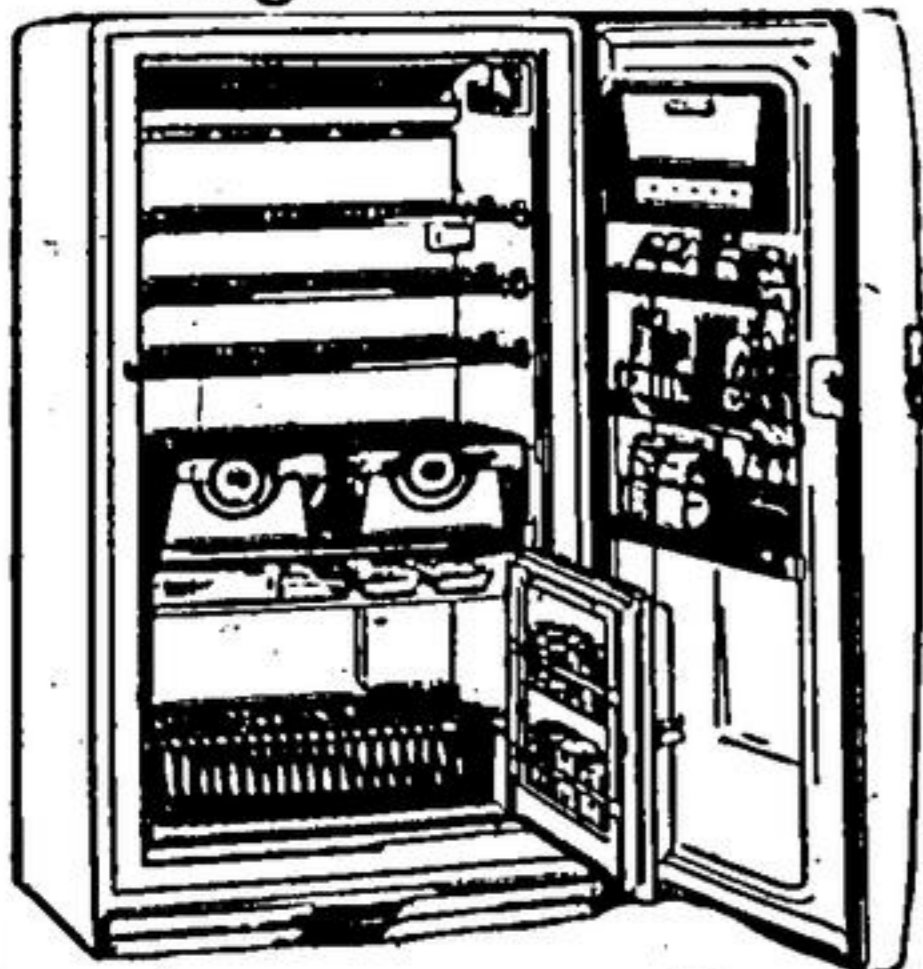
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