

## LEGION NOTES

by Les Clark  
The best value in town... name-ly the Armistice Dinner tickets, still selling for one buck. This includes a turkey dinner, entertainment, (remember last year's excellent act?) and an evening of dancing. Of course, you'll all realize this by no means is close to covering the cost of the evening, but it has always been the policy of the Branch to supply this one evening as cheaply as possible. It is our

belief that this year's event will be the best yet, so try and get your tickets as soon as they go on sale... and that will be on the next meeting night, Thursday, October 27th. The tickets will go on sale immediately after the meeting, so you had better be there! And once again, the night is only for members and their wives. This has been the case for a number of years, due to the crowded quarters. So the executive have asked us to pass on this tip—please don't ask the ticket sellers to give you tickets

for friends, because they just can't do it. Ticket sales are once again in charge of Jim Yates, with Alvin MacDonald selling them also. So remember, don't put it off, be on hand next Thursday evening to get your tickets.

The district meeting was held in Delhi yesterday and saw a car load from town attending. The boys all report an interesting time and renewed a good many old acquaintances there. The provincial president, Henry Harvey of Ottawa was present. It was

nice to see Reg Cleator, regional vice commander and vice president there. Hugh Lamb, zone commander for B7 was present, as was deputy zone commander Les Clark. The meeting was a very worth while one, and combined a memorial service, held by the Delhi branch.

Poppy Day is fast approaching, and once more the local committee, under the direction of Mrs. T. F. Grieve will be making their canvas. It is hoped that the usual fine response will be had. Georgetown has always been wonderfully good on this occasion, and we are sure that this will continue. After all the Legion itself derives nothing from this. The money that is collected goes to help needy ex-servicemen and their dependents, not just Legion members. And in this town we know that the funds have been administered in a very laudable fashion, and we are sure will continue, in such a manner. Mrs. Grieve has asked for volunteers for the day, Saturday, November 5th, and will be happy to get any help from members. So how about giving a hand on a very worthy cause, comrades?

A member of the Branch, who has always been willing to lend a hand in our affairs; that genial insurance and travel expert, Jack Barber (possibly better known as the Lorne Scots long time commanding officer) tells us that he has some excellent travel films available, and given a few weeks notice, will be glad to show one after a meeting. In other words, John would prefer that you take a trip to Bermuda, Nassau or some other exotic place, but if you can't do that, why he'll do the next best thing, and show you a film of it! We hope that the boys will line up this very interesting feature some evening after our regular business meeting.

It seems to us that in the years since the war, interest generally in Remembrance Day has taken a sharp dip by the average citizen. We don't

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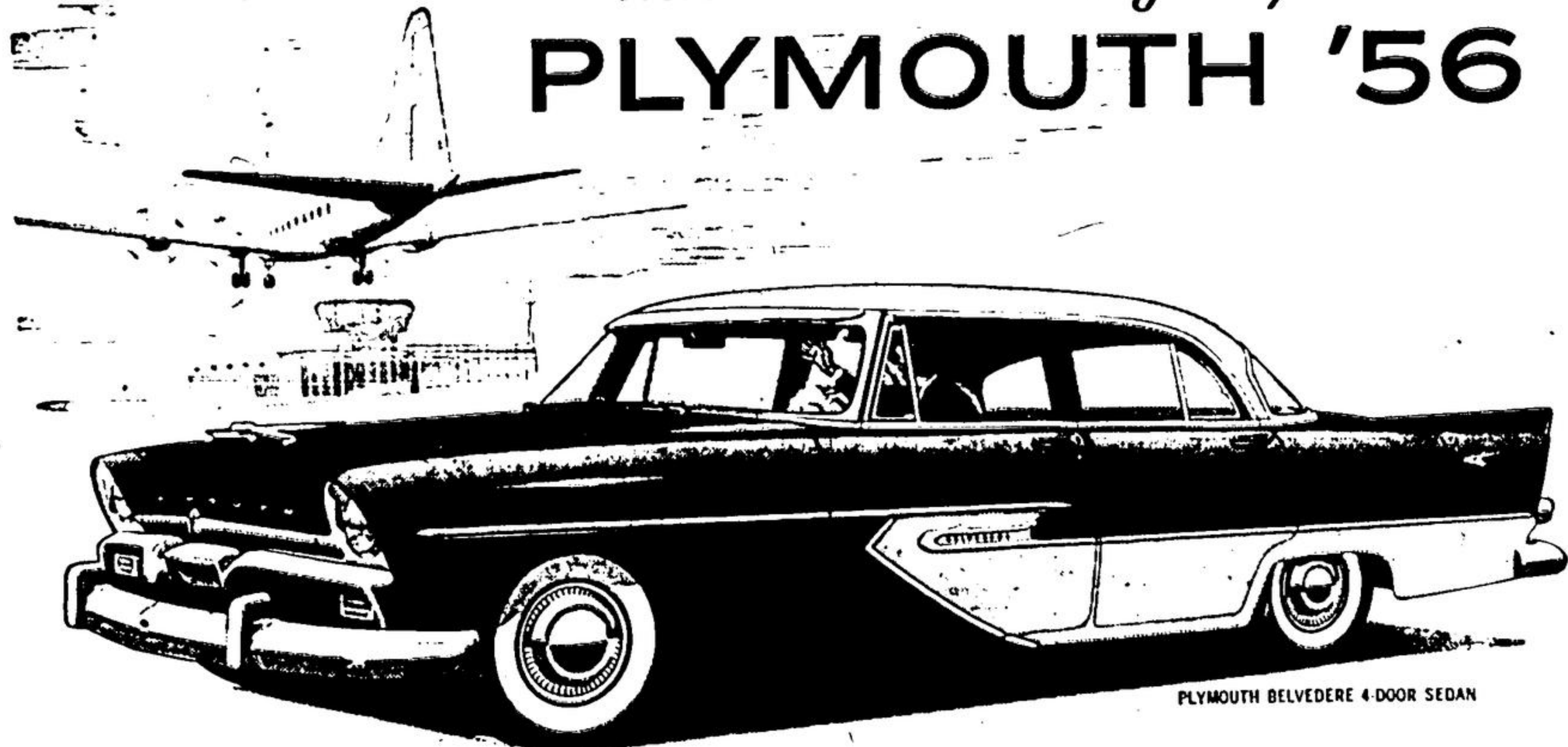
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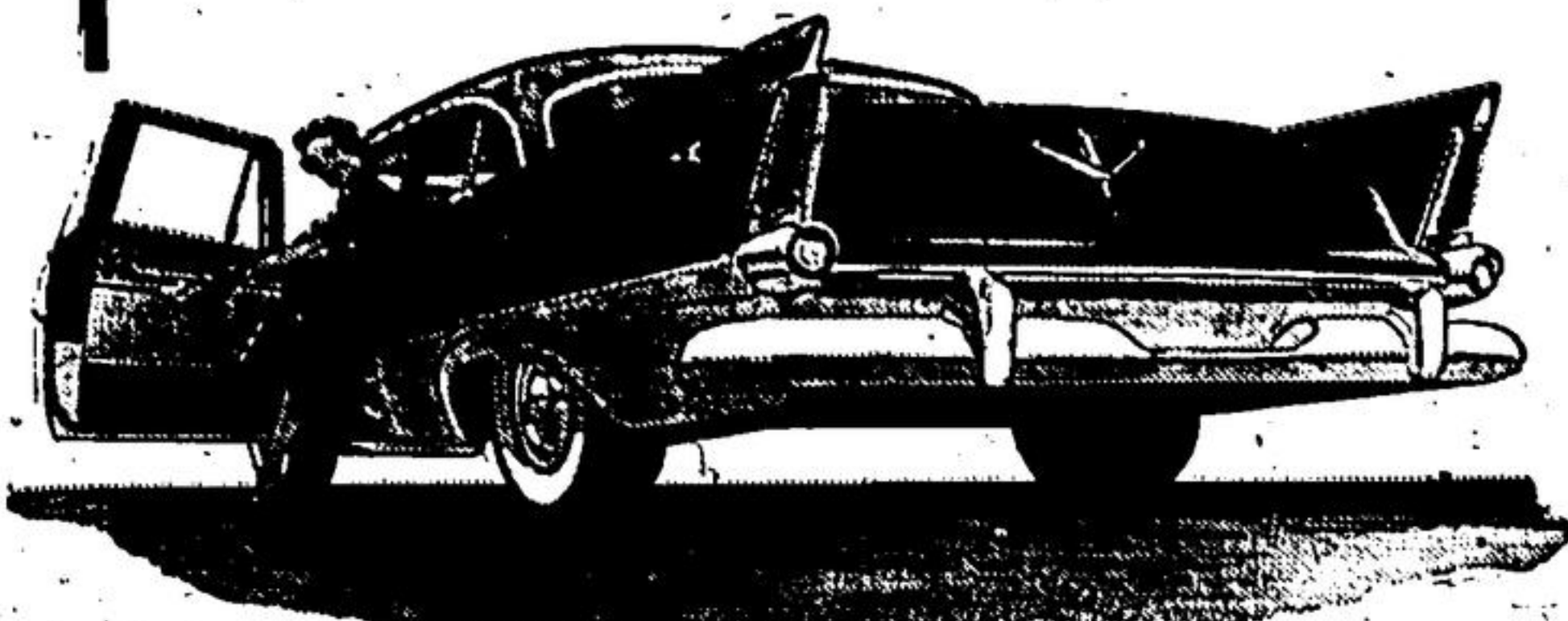
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sacrifices made in two world wars, they would be on hand. And of course, every returned man should be there, if for no other reason, than to show respect to those of his buddies who did not return.

Don't forget the regular monthly business meeting is approaching, and it is hoped that this will see a much better turnout than last month's. After all, you are all members of the organization, surely you can find a little time to attend the meetings. And before someone says "Oh, we pay our dues, but let the executive take care of the business" we hasten to say that is all very well BUT don't you think any executive body deserves your attention, and constructive criticism at times and any suggestion that you may have. Oh yes, and while we're on the subject, we might mention the Armistice tickets will be on sale so—act accordingly.

Charlie Day and his committee are hard at work on the Christmas Tree and this year will prove to be one of the best ever held, we wager. The boys have tickets for sale and would appreciate any help that is forthcoming from members. And this year's list shows a bumper crop of additions. My, the branch does grow, in more ways than one! The date, Thursday, December 22nd.

We were approached recently by a member who said he got very little for the \$4.00 dues he pays a year. As we proved to his utter satisfaction, he has been doing remarkably well, and we think a repeat of the argument might be a good thing.

First of all Branch 120 does not get \$4.00 in dues for their own use. Of that amount \$2.80 is sent to Provincial Command, as per capita tax. It therefore obviously leaves \$1.20 for Branch use. Of this, you are mailed notices every month, and sometimes a special one, if there is anything important arising, during the year. We can't say accurately, but imagine that 60c to 75c per person would be the approximate cost per person per year of printing and mailing said notices. So that brings your branch magnificent income from your dues down to the neighbourhood of half a dollar. Now, said complainant has two children. At Christmas they receive presents, and we think the presents are fairly good ones. Then there's is your annual picnic, which sets the Branch back about \$1.00 per member. New Year's Eve there's a really nice affair with orchestra, food, favours, prizes and what have you? And if you don't think hiring an orchestra on New Year's Eve is an expensive proposition, try it sometime! On top of the aforementioned affairs that members can take advantage of, we can think of the corn roast, free to all, a trip to Warrior's Day for 50c return, all children free, and no doubt there are other events that we have not thought of. However, dues down to what we can say, as the man says, "without fear of successful contradiction", that the Branch does not make a great deal out of that \$1.20... Oh, so you didn't attend all those affairs? Task, task. Every member knew about it through the monthly notice—after that it's strictly up to you.

And in closing, next year dues are going to \$5.00. By a decision of the Dominion convention in Toronto in 1954, starting in 1956 each member will be sent a copy of the official magazine, The Legionary, and each is compelled to pay for the number on their roll. The cost? \$1.00.

As a reminder of what we mentioned about Remembrance Day, the best reasons for every member being on hand are called to mind by those immortal words, reproduced below:

