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LEGION NOTES

We would think it a highly appropriate time to review what has been. accomplished in 1955 around the Legion and would endeavour to do so now as the year draws to a close.

First, there was the very excellent addition to the auditorium and beverage room, in the installation of a cooling system, which has certainly proved itself a wonderful help to the use of the room upstairs. That was always a drawback with our auditorium, in that the heat of the room became almost intolerable when a large crowd such as at the Remembrance Supper or during the summer dances were assembled. The system is a comparatively simple one and we think that the executive made a real move when they made the purchase, albeit it was a real expensive one. Next we had the remodelling program, both upstairs and downstairs, where certain structural changes were made. In the down stairs, you had your main hall cut down considerably and the additional space used in the widening of the dart room. This made quite an appreciable difference to the dart enthusiasts around the place. Next the old stage was finally abandoned, and a new small stage was installed. This has certainly improved the look of the rooms one hundred per cent, especially with the new memorial plaque installed and the new curtain, and the drapes, the latter given to the branch by the W.A. Also by cutting an opening from the auditorium to the little room (not so little, as a matter of fact) at the back of the building, the seating capacity has been considerably improved and should help eliminate the crowded condition of the larger room at various affairs during the year.

On top of this, practically the whole place has undergone a paint job and certainly we can think of nothing more attractive at the present time, than our whole upstairs. The presid ent and his elected officers are cer tainly to be congratulated on a job well done, and we hope and trust that every member realizes what a grand job the boys have done over the year.

(And incidentally, we forgot the most important part of the whole af the whole remotelling and revamping program has been accomplished out of current receipts, as not one cent is owing for the work done

We believe that one of the 1956 objectives should be the rearranging of the location of the ladies powder room and men's wash room upstairs In our opinion, and in the opinion of a great many others, the present sit uation is highly unsatisfactory. We believe that one of the executive (Vic Torrance, if memory serves us) and your president have the right solu tion in using the present ladies room for the men and putting a powder room in the present executive quarters. In our opinion, the executive need a special room to meet in about as much as Eskimos need refrigeration, and for the twenty odd meetings held in year, could use either the television room or the auditorium on the second floor. This project would, of course, be quite expensive, but it is quite feasible and would certainly add to the attractiveness of the whole se-

cond storey Last Call for the annual Christmas Tree to be held tomorrow evening in the Legion auditorium at 700 p.m. The committee have done an excellent job and we think deserve a great deal of credit for their arrangements. We know there will be a terrific crowd in the auditorium as always, and we expect that this year's will be bigger and better than ever. Don't forget too, the draw will be held that night, so you will all have a chance of some really worthwhile cash prizes. Remember the time and place, 7.15 Thursday evening at the Legion Hall in the audi-

Which brings us to the Branch annual New Year's Party, to be held on Friday evening, December 30th, also

Presentation Made at Company Staff Party

"One of our best yet," was the unanimous opinion of the hundred guests at the annual Smith and Stone-Ltd. Christmas office party held last Friday night at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Godfrey Collier, Frank Emery and Bill Clark were the committee in charge of arrangements for the evening.

An excellent Christmas buffet of cold ham and turkeys, salads and all the trimmings were enjoyed. Mr. Stan Wade of the Corner Cupboard

restaurant catered. One of the highlights of the even ing was the presentation of a Kundo Black Forest 400-day clock of polished brass enclosed in a glass bell jar, to Mr. Wilfred Ford, in appreciation of his long years of service with the firm. The presentation was made by the Smith and Stone gift club, and their chairman, Mr. Ron Kitchen, made the presentation.

There was dancing from nine to one a m. to the music of Doris Hulls' orchestra.

The three door prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs Ray Salter, who received an eight-cup Silex coffee carafe; Miss Helen Ritchie and Mr. Murray 12eard, winning the set of 8 twelve . ounce glasses; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Schenk who won a cocktail shaker.

Those attending the party included Mr and Mrs. Willred Ford, Mr and Mrs. Bill Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Bradbury, Miss J. Booth, Mr. W. Powell Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Binkley, Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett, Mr and Mrs. John W. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clapham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cleave, Miss Leona Conn, Mr. W Ror, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Darlington, Mr. and Mrs Frank Emery, Mr. and Mrs Del French, Miss Joan Harrison, Mr Jim Costigan, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hyatt, Mr and Mrs. Earl Hornby, Mr. and Mrs. John Haines, Mr and Mrs. Robert Hoare, Mr. and Mrs John Irwin. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs William King, Miss E. Larsen, Mr. D. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mc-Candless, Mr. and Mrs. William Mc-Donald, Mr. and Mrs. W McBride, Mr and Mrs Jack Malcolm, Mr, J McDougall, Miss M Jefferson, Mr and Mrs Tom Niven, Mr. and Mrs John Patterson, Mr and Mrs. Arthur Parry, Mr. and Mrs 1 Presgrave, Mrs L Poyntz, Mr J Gilfillan, Mr and Mia Walter Rigg, Miss Helen Ritchie Mr Murray Fzard, Mr and Mrs Don Schenk, Mr and Mrs Bob Steward son, Mr and Mrs J R. Staines, Mr. and Mrs Ray Salter, Miss Eileen Kerr, Mr J VanderVoort, Mr and Mrs Trygve Wold, Mr and Mrs Dave Wood, Mr and Mrs Norric Wilson, Mr and Mrs Ted Arnold

in the auditorium. This year due to the Saturday evening being the New Year's Eve, it was Jelt that the best and most logical night to hold it was on the previous Friday night Arran gements have been made for an excel lent floor show as well as a dance, and we expect that there will be a huge crowd on hand Prizes have been ordered, and a tine bunch of favours and paper hats and noisemakers purchased Lunch has been arranged for by the WA and we really feel that this will be an evening no one can afford to miss. So remember that if you plan coming to our annual New Year's Party, better plan on getting there early, because you all know what the scating accommodation is after about ten thirty. And one further thing, with much regret, the executive have had to rule that this year no one will be allowed other than the members and their ladies and the W.A. The seating problem has become acute and in other years a number have brought guests, however this does not seem fair to those members who have to really "crowd up" to get a seat themselves, so this year to stop any of the controversies that have risen in the past, kindly do NOT ask to bring guests. Thanks for your

cooperation on this. And may the writer offer to all the members of the branch his best and sincere wishes for an even brighter, happier, and more prosperous new Year. We have felt that this year has been an exceptional one in many respects, more particularly in the harmony and good will among the members, and the general good feeling in the Branch. However, this is only as it should be, and we hope that it will long continue.

ROUND THE ROOMS . . . Wonder who the very handsome and portly "King Cole" was in the Provincial Paper float? . . . Rocky, my boy, you stole the show! . . . Our old friend, RSM Henry Shepherd, was in charge of the parade as marshal . . . He says it was a bit out of his line, but anything to help out! . . . The Lorne Scots Band, under bandmaster Alf Perrott, played Christmas Carols in the Legion on Saturday afternoon after the parade - they were much appreciated by the members too . . . Incidentally. Henry got quite a welcome when he same in after the parade a fanfare from the band and a cheer from the members - the band finished their impromptu program with a rendition of the regimental march. "John Peel," which we also suspect, is rather a favourite of Alf Perrott's as well . . . The group of clowns helped brighten things up around the branch as well - very excellent costumes, too . . . A word to the wise, methinks it would be good policy to start carrying your keys these days, fellows, we think you are going to need them See you at the Christmas Tree tomorrow night, also at the New Year's party next week!

Wishing You a



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