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## LEGION NOTES

by Les Clark

Well, this week we have really got a fair sized column for our readers—and more important, lots of news.

But before we get to the news part, we would like to deal rather personally with something concerning this column. Legion notes had their inception during the war, with former Herald staffer Joe Boley writing it. Upon the present writer's return to the Herald in the winter of '45, he was asked by the president of that time and the executive to write it, as Com. Boley had left town for another job. In the ensuing years, each president and their executive have been most anxious to see the notes continue and have asked him to carry on. A number of years ago the writer was honoured by being chosen president of your branch, and at that time the annual custom of asking him to carry on with the column at the annual meeting was dispensed with as it was felt superfluous, as he was in the news paper business and the logical person to do the job, as well as liking it. Since then, the column has expanded considerably, and we believe we can point with pardonable pride to a number of achievements directly as a result of the publicity from this column. It is also true that certainly, with an organization of almost 400, we have the largest reader audience of any organization in town, and thereby as the town's biggest organization, there is more interest in our news than in any other news stories. The column has also, it is felt, kept the public informed as to trend of thought of the service men in the town and has in general formed a good liaison with the rest of the community.

Therefore, it comes as quite a shock to hear that a recent committee meeting a member brought up the subject as to whether the Legion column was good for the branch or not. He felt that publicity might be a bad thing for an organization! We suggest that as 99.4% of the Legion look forward to seeing the column and are most disappointed when it misses a week that he is a very wee minority. We also suggest, that in this day of large companies paying fantastic sums of money for public relations, every community in the country vying for space in the papers, and both Dominion and Provincial Command urging that you do everything possible to get publicity for the branches, that the gentleman's thinking belongs to 1856, not 1956! And if it is the reader's thought that the writer is annoyed, he would be perfectly right. After all, considerable time is spent on this column... time that could be otherwise utilized to good advantage, and while we are always ready for constructive criticism, we feel it should be made to the writer or at a general meeting. Enough said.

The Thursday evening part of the annual meeting was held, with president Garvin, treasurer Thompson and secretary Muir in their respective chairs. After the usual opening ceremonies, applications were accepted from a number of new members, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The treasurer's report was given, which was indeed a good one. All committee reports were given. Sick by Mrs. T. F. Grieve, the entertainment by Jim Murphy and the bingo by Alex Taylor. All reports were accepted, and their yearly reports were received with a hearty vote of thanks for a job well done.

Under general business there was little or no new business brought up, but a summary of the financial report was given by the president. The only other major joint brought up was a report given by chairman of the trustees. Most business was left for the incoming slate of officers to deal with. The meeting adjourned until the election of officers on Sunday. Chairman Murphy, McDonald and helpers served hot beefburgers to the members afterwards.

**ROUND THE ROOMS** ... Our favourite 'news maker' these days, Gord King, tells us that he was sorry to let down his supporters for president at the last moment, but that Smith and Stone hockey team needed him Sunday and he couldn't let them down! Confidentially, he said he wouldn't have minded missing the game, but just wasn't sure whether he could follow through on his campaign promise of steaks every meeting night and on Saturday afternoons as well! Tsk, Tsk. ... Glad to see so many out on election day to vote—however there are still a lot who should have been present and didn't make it. Maybe next year... the raise in dues has caused surprisingly little comment, which comes as a pleasant surprise to the executive... and our congratulations to those who made office on Sunday... there's a big year ahead and we know that you will conscientiously try to do your best... And by the looks of the annual report we think that another few years and we'll see a business manager looking after the affairs of the branch... it can only grow so big without a full time manager, you know... oh, yes, a number of you were asking me on Thursday evening, about the Trustees committee, so we did a little research and here is the history of that group. In 1935 the Legion purchased its present quarters and it was felt that as there was a mortgage, furnishings to get, etc, trustees were needed. Therefore on July 12th, 1935, a special meeting was held, which appointed 5 trustees. The by-laws were also amended to read that these trustees were elected for life, or until they resigned. The provision was inserted, however, that they could be removed from office at any time on a motion at any general meeting where two thirds of a majority voted them out of office. The present membership is Lt. Col. Gordon Cousens, Lt. Col. Gordon Brown, Bill Roney, Fred McCartney, and Fred Armstrong. The first named three have been in office since the committee was appointed in 1935. The duties of the trustees, according to the by-law "is that their duties will be those usually entrusted to other such bodies"... Sorry to hear that a soldier, well known to a number who served in the RCASR in World War II, Lt. Col. Jim Ziegler, of Guelph has passed on at the untimely age of fifty-one years... We had known Jim during the war, having taken him out to his command in Italy in '43. Our sincere regrets to his family... What about a ball team this summer once again? We always think of the teams of '51 and '52 with nostalgia, because they really had the whole branch interested and gave us some great entertainment. What about it fat boy? ... Think you could find enough of the boys still able to get around the bases... Zone meeting will be on the 19th of February in Port Credit and we'd like to see a goodly number along for moral support in our first meeting... Hear Fred Johnson has found a new use for a bathtub and a very useful one it is too. Fred has certainly the right idea for giving the family more living space. Anyone interested is cordially invited to contact him for details... Like the new sergeant at arms approach "you... so's, go on home, I'm locking up in exactly five minutes!"

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## Fund Raising Membership Planned at CCF Meeting

Members of Halton County CCF Riding Association met Thursday evening at the home of Stan Allen, 40 River Drive, Georgetown.

During the evening plans were laid for fund-raising activities during the next two months and plans for taking part in the annual spring membership drive sponsored by the provincial organization were also discussed.

Fred Hue, Georgetown, was elected riding organizer. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Allen, former CCF candidate in Halton, for his recent election as warden of the county council. He is reeve of Georgetown. A short discussion was held on membership in the CCF what it means and why it is necessary. Members present expressed the view that only a party whose members control the policy and provide the financial support can be a truly democratic one. The opinion was that the old-line and social credit parties do not meet those essential requirements.

Funds were raised during the evening through a collection, and the sale of literature and calendars. Before leaving, members enjoyed coffee and sandwiches served by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Graham Porter.

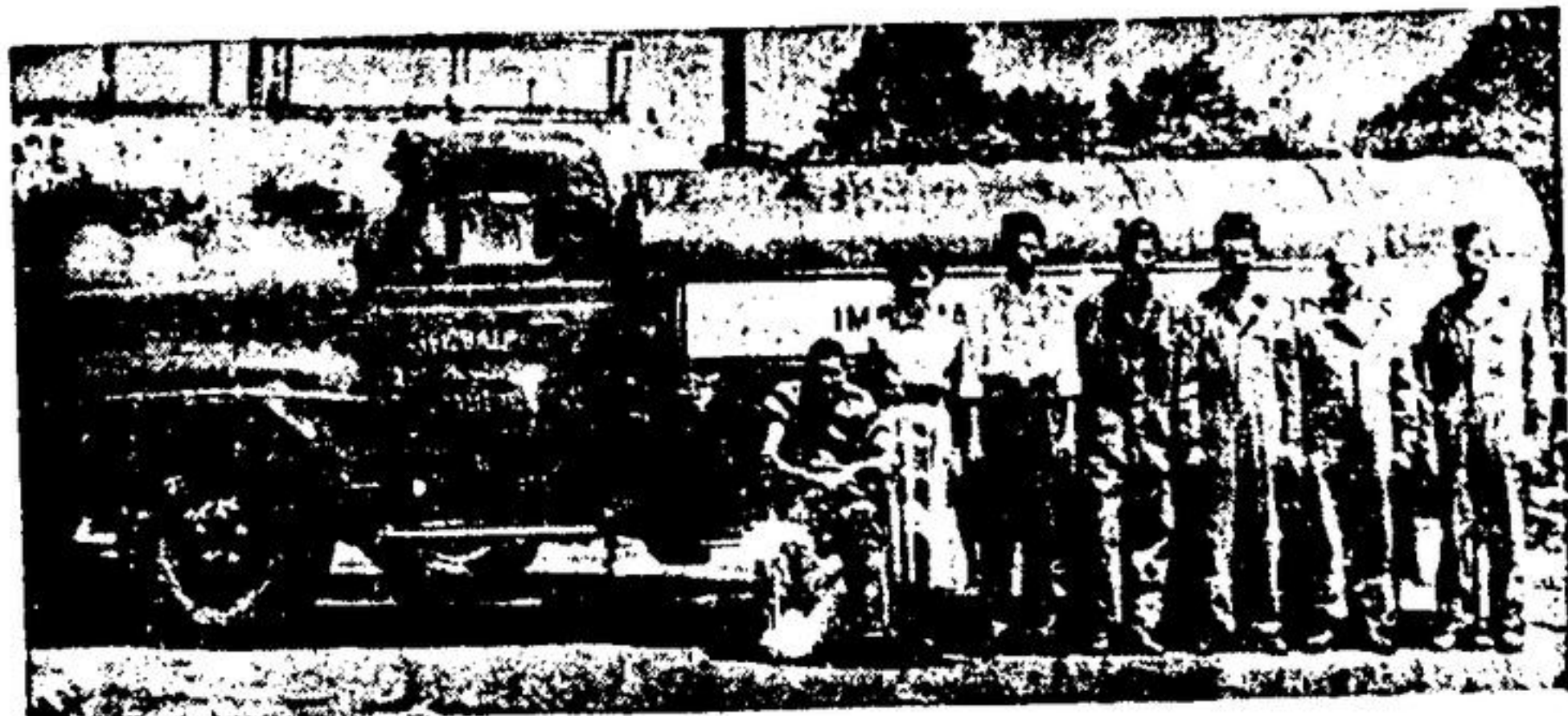
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Hon. President — LeRoy Dale, QC  
President — Harvey Garvin  
Past President — Les Clark  
Chaplain — Rev. Kenneth Richardson  
1st vice president — Jim Yates  
2nd vice president — Jim King  
Sergeant at Arms — P. Clark  
Treasurer — Wallace Thompson  
Secretary — C. Day  
Executive (4) — H. Shepherd, Vic Torrance, Bud James, Gob Collier.  
Committee chairmen: Sick, Mrs. T. F. Grieve  
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