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LEGION NOTES
 by Les Clark

Decoration Day is fast approaching and will be held this Sunday coming, Sunday August 9th. The Padre, Ken Richardson, has made the necessary arrangements and he will be in charge of the service. Which, incidentally, will be held in Greenwood Cemetery.

Our old friend, Henry Shepherd, MBE, will as usual handle the parade. It is expected that it will be a large one, with visiting bands and branches taking part. It is sincerely hoped that every member will turn out to do honour to those of their comrades who have passed away.

Arrangements have been made for at least three bands, our own Lorne Scots, the Oakville Legion band and Milton's bringing a pipe band of the Lorne Scots. Port Credit is trying to arrange to bring their celebrated bugle band along also. The ladies of the W.A. have been invited, and it is hoped that there will be a fair turnout.

Georgetown Legion always shows up well on parade and we hope that Sunday will be no exception. The parade will proceed to the Cenotaph first, and from there to the cemetery for service.

Let's see every Legion member on parade!

With the Legion's television appearance now definite, it should be interesting to see how the mobile units operate. Let's hope it's a clear day for them.

We sincerely regret the passing of another of our original charter members Jack (Friseo) Fry. To the writer Jack was not only a Legion member and acquaintance, but a very good friend. He was one of the happiest men it has been our privilege to know, and enjoyed life right until the last. Certainly of him we believe every member will join in saying and sincerely mean "He shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, Time shall not weary him, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We shall remember him!"

Our deepest regret to his wife and sons from every Branch 120 member.

Have you seen the new play now playing at the Legion Theatre? It is called "The Lament of the Golems" or "Letter, Letter, Who's Got the Letter?" Starring as the two intrepid sleuths, Earl Wilcox and Lorne Cross in search of an elusive and highly valuable document. It also features such well known character actors as Scotty Patterson, Charlie Day, and other members of the executive. The only thing we can't figure out is whether it should be featured as a comedy or tragedy. Actually, the acting, (up-to-date), has been quite good, in fact some of the stars seem to really "believe" their parts in the portrayal. Incidentally John takes the part of the master agitator, a part that takes, not so much skill, as experience in similar roles and he seems to have had plenty of that.

Incidentally, our golfers, don't win anything at the district tournament held in Hamilton this year. We hear it was held there on the 10th of August. Better luck next year, boys.

Happened to be in Guelph on business, recently, so combined it with a sick visit to Terry Jones, a comparatively new member, in St. Joseph's with a couple of nasty fractures, the result of a car accident two weeks ago. Terry seemed to be resting comfortably, and as cheerful as could be expected under the circumstances. Unfortunately he will be laid up for several months. He works at A. V. Roe, and lives at 1 John Street.

LeRoy (Anly) Dale, our honorary president and local lawyer, is convalescing in the General after major surgery. We had heard he had

he was quite sick, so were pleasantly surprised to see him up and walking about, and apparently well on the road to recovery. He expects to be home again soon.

There are quite a number of local sick cases as well, notably the steward, who has been off for a week. Welcome back, Alvin.

We understand from Jim Murphy that the corn roast will take place on September 16th, all things being well and providing there is a supply of corn. So we'll give you the details of that next week.

Speaking of Murphy, he and the writer are not going to play any more practical jokes on Friday night, are we, Jim? We're such good actors we were taken seriously, and necessitated the writer doing some fancy explaining the following morning.

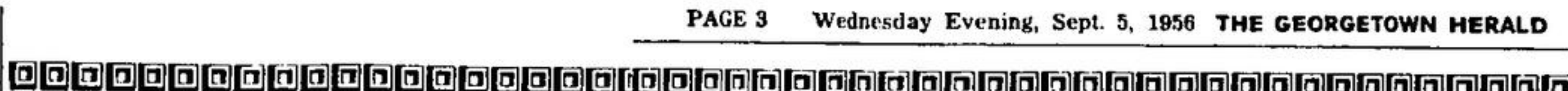
It has been suggested, and is a very good idea, that all sports arrangements be printed in the column. When we say it is a good idea, we mean that conditionally in as much as we would expect to be given the details in plenty of time in advance of the event and not be expected to go out looking for the details ourselves. The column is always open for anything news worthy, but the writer has neither the time nor inclination to run around digging up news that should be relayed to him from the interested parties.

The secretary has been compiling statistics of membership, and they are quite good. The growth so far this year would be about 10 per cent or slightly higher and leaves us at present with a membership of just under 400, to be exact, 394. This makes us one of the largest branches in this zone, with only Port Credit and Oakville near us, each having under the 400 mark also.

With Operation Membership to begin on September 15th, it is hoped to boost ours considerably over the 400 mark by Christmas. Charlie has ordered cards which will be sent out with the monthly notices to each member, asking them to cooperate by bringing in a member. The effort will have a very real and tangible reward, in that each member who secures a new recruit will receive a chance on a brand new 1957 automobile, to be drawn for next summer. For each member you bring in, you are given an additional chance on the car.

As zone commander it is our job to coordinate the efforts of all the branches in this very real and urgent need for a greater membership. As a first step we have obtained a trophy to be given for yearly competition for the branch getting the largest number of new members. Your secretary will be giving you the details through this column pertaining to the local effort to secure new members from time to time. And as one final word, please try and get behind this drive. You can help immensely and help keep the Legion at a peak strength by securing at least ONE new member. There are plenty of potential members around. We should think at least 1,000 in town and district. It's up to you to help make this the biggest (as well as the best) branch in the zone.

Dropped in to see Acton branch the other evening and had quite a



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The ladies of the Auxiliary have made preparations to handle a crowd of at least 400 on Sunday so we can see no one is going to go hungry as the ladies always go all out for an affair of this kind. We remember that the last zone meeting held here they served a hot dinner after the meeting, for all those attending, delegates and interested members alike.

The ladies did a fine job on the tag day they held for the Hospital last week-end. We understand the Acton ladies of the Legion there are holding one next week. Incidentally, past president Mrs. Taylor phoned us to put a reminder of it in this column, but we had already run the section containing Legion Notes. We remind anyone with an item that we should have it not later than Monday noon, as by that time our column has to be closed off.

We believe the executive are laying some big plans for the arrival of the new furniture, and hope that they will be able to arrange some things for our next meeting night.

an excuse for a party, and think one is highly overdue. Incidentally, one of those combined operations that we used to hold on the occasional Friday night with the Women's Auxiliary is about to be

Time is flying by and soon Armistice Day will once more be upon us. Then the Christmas Tree, followed by the New Year's party and then the election of officers!