

LEGION NOTES

by Lee Clark

A week from Thursday night is our regular meeting night with the favourite reading material of the branch, the auditor's report, to be presented. We are looking forward to seeing this delightful little financial statement this year for many reasons. First, it is always interesting to see how the branch is doing financially. Also, to see the very large amount of business we transact in a year, as well as the many activities. We should judge that the financial picture will be a "little in the red" at least, due to the very heavy commitment made last fall in the purchase of \$3,000 worth of furniture for our new TV room. But that was money well spent, as to put it mildly, the TV room is the talk of all the people who see it. So even if we are a few hundred down, it was well worth it, in most members' opinions. Business has been down a bit this past summer, too, or we miss our guess. And once more, it is easy to see why if we recall, that last summer was quite a cool one, with our clientele more inclined to have a hot cup of coffee than a

cool one. However, not knowing the financial picture, we will have to wait and see if our conjectures are correct.

A group from Branch 120 was over to Brampton last week to install a new set of officers there. Yours truly was the installing officer and we had along as company, Denny Wright, Jim Murphy, Henry Shepherd and of course, Marsh Timbony. We'd like to publicly give Marsh a pat on the back for the number of letters he has had to write, as well as the number of books he has had to go over in our travels. As zone commander and secretary, one of our chores is to look over each branch's books after the first of the year, and frankly we are glad to have a man who knows "his figures" along with us. Marsh, as most of the readers will know, had his own accounting business here for years, located in the Norton building, and is now with Delrex Developments.

At any rate, we had a very enjoyable evening down there with a number of old acquaintances. We had quite an interesting chat with an old Georgetown (oops, Glen Williams) boy, Perc Graham. He is still doing a great job down around the Brampton Legion running their bingo, and helping out in general. He's a past president of the branch. We were at the same table with he, Charlie Rank, Brampton's president and a former zone commander Art Hornsey and were surprised to find out that Perc was Jim Murphy's sergeant in the Vets Guard. And did we ever get a line about it? However, Henry put an end to it by stage whispering "d... d lucky to win the war at all, don't you think, Clark?" Seems that they all knew each other when they were stationed up Montejith, way. What about telling the boys about your various business enterprises while a member of H.M.'s forces, Jim? Figured that we now have enough material to write a book, "Crime Does Pay", co-edited by P. Graham and Jim Murphy.

We used to think the boys were exaggerating about their exploits in the guard, but a few years back we were introduced to Colonel Johnson, who was in charge of various P of W camps up north, and the first thing he said, was "Yes, I had the misfortune of knowing a lot of your boys from Georgetown and Brampton." We didn't ask him to explain, naturally.

Are all our sports fans satisfied, now that they have had the entire sports program reprinted in the Herald. Now, if any of you boys wish to know any date, should consult your local newspaper and you have it all there. Now let's have no further complaints.

The Imperials had a real "do" last night. They very kindly invited the writer and wife, as well as the branch president, and we had a wonderful evening. Details of their party will appear either elsewhere in this issue or in next week's.

Once more, for your information, we repeat that news for this column has to be in our hands by the week-end before, because to ensure inclusion of our notes in the paper, we have to run it on one of the early "press runs" usually on a Monday. So try to cooperate.

Attended the annual reception on New Year's Day at the officers' mess at the armouries and as customary, were invited over to the Segreant's Mess next door for a drink and saw a good many of the boys, including Bill Card, also a sergeant major in the Lorne Scots, and of course, Bert Keegan, who as usual seemed to think our money, and our friends, was counterfeit. We also saw a local member, Cliff Moreton, and of course the messe's "great white chief" R.S.M. Ted Ching.

The day is at hand once more! ... the day you vote, that is. This year has seen an unprecedented interest in our local Legion, and we sincerely hope that this interest extends to coming out to vote for a 1957, executive that will carry on the great work that has been accomplished for the branch and the community in the past year. The date is Sunday, January 27th with initiation of all new members at

M. C. BEATY ELECTED PRESIDENT CROP IMP.

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inches — that is, on heavy soils. We were also impressed with the fact that these successful farm operators all favoured a higher percentage of alfalfa and other legumes in their seed mixtures. Then when it came to the use of commercial fertilizers, these operators were in agreement that comparatively light applications (125 to 175 lbs. per acre) was all that was justified on spring grains. These are but a few of the highlights which came out of the one hour panel discussion to which they had ever had the privilege of listening.

Local Co-operators
At the morning session, which got away sharp at 10.30 o'clock, under the able chairmanship of E. Moss Segsworth, president of the Halton association some nine local co-operators presented brief but interesting reports on projects carried on on their respective farms or on matters of timely interest. Among those presenting such reports were A. T. Woodley, Gordon Fisher, Ken Ella, Howard Henry, Johnson Neelands, Brock Harris, W. H. Biggar, W. E. Breckon and Norman Smith.

Norman Smith Wins
The Milton Milling Company's gold watch was presented by Geo.

1.30 and your election at 8.00 p.m. sharp. The election does not take more than an hour or so, and it is encouraging for those who arrange it to see a big meeting and feel that their efforts have not been altogether wasted. May we count on seeing you there?

This month's copy of the Legionary is now out, and we think the magazine could still do with quite a lot of pepping up. Actually, we thought there was little of interest in it other than the pictures, this time. We wonder if it ever occurred to the "brass" in charge to try and line up a few really good writers for short articles, or possibly each few months have some outstanding military figure, reminiscence over his battle experiences. They would probably love the opportunity, and it might create a bit of interest.

This being our next to last edition before the election, we would like to thank the executive and committee heads for their help in trying to give you a little news about Branch 120. They have always been very helpful, and we appreciate it. But then, we haven't any room to complain about any executive on that score. ... in each case, from 1946 right on, they were always helpful especially the presidents, who gave us anything they thought was newsworthy, whether they agreed with it or not, from the first president we wrote for, and one who helped us then, and since in many ways, Jim Murphy, our good friend Arnot Early, who passed away all too soon, and Dave Bowman, who always was willing to help us by giving us any news items he received during his years as pres., and of course, our present president, Nick Garvin, who is and always has been, willing to help in every way.

Oh, yes, before we forget ... we finally got hold of Knobby and he told us a harrowing tale about his ducks. As you probably mostly know, Knobby is what is called a "fancier." By that we mean he indulges his liking for chickens, pigeons, ducks, etc. by keeping them in large quantities, and showing the prize specimens around at various fairs and poultry shows. His "bird" farm is one of the best known in a great distance. So it's not to be denied that he is inordinately fond of his poultry, and particularly two prize ducks. Therefore our boy Knobby was most annoyed when the day before New Year's, two of his prize (and highly valuable) ducks were among the missing. And look as he might he couldn't find them, and finally came to the conclusion, "chicken thieves." However, he had the last laugh, the culprits, all Legion buddies, had swiped the ducks, and hid them in a former president's cellar, intending to invite Knobby down later for supper which was to be ... roast duck. Then they intended presenting him with the ducks on a lucky draw later. However the plot misfired, because; he poor old soul, tired out by the strenuous day, fell asleep at home and snored in the new year.

There's some rather ominous news for the singers in the house, too, so take heed, Shepherd, McDermott, Day, Hedley, Hawes, Wilcox, et al. Those spontaneous bursts of merriment that you sometimes burst forth with to the sheer delight of your music loving culture-loving clientele may be curbed. The executive have recently received a letter from an organization signing itself the composers and music writer's union, saying that "it has been brought to our attention that popular songs and music of all types by copyright authors are being performed on your premises and you are not paying union dues for this service to our union. We trust you will rectify this at once and send us a statement of the times performed, with the amount due for such services."

We need only add that the actual name of the group should be the Canadian Association of Composers

Swann to Norman Smith of Campbellville, who had a yield of 96 bushels per acre in the Halton 100 Bushel Grain, Corn Competition. In making the presentation, Mr. Swann pointed out that the 19 competitors had an average yield of 78 bushels to the acre, out-yielding other grain crops and in addition was much higher in nutritive value. Incidentally the top yield of the competition was secured by Fred Nurse of Ashgrove, with 106 bushels per acre. Mr. Nurse, thereby duplicated his achievement of 1953.

Art Bennett Promoted
During the meeting it was announced that Art Bennett, who has been the popular associate agricultural representative for Halton and Peel Counties since June 1st, 1953, had been promoted to head office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Toronto. Mr. Bennett's appointment as assistant director of the extension branch, took effect on January 1st. In his new work, the genial Art will, for the time being at least, be heading up the Junior Farmers program throughout Ontario. While Art's legion of friends among the Juniors and seniors alike in Halton will be saddened at Halton's loss, they nevertheless will rejoice in his well merited promotion and wish him well in his new field. In losing Art Bennett, Halton also loses Mrs. Bennett (the former Jean Patterson of Bronte) who is one of the many young people in Halton who in recent years, has contributed much to making Halton's Junior Farmer programme become recognized as one of the tops across Ontario.

Now for the election of the officers who will head up Halton's active Soil and Crop Improvement Association in 1957.

Past president, E. Ross Segsworth; president, Maurice C. Beaty; vice president, Brock Harris; secretary treasurer, J. Earl Whitelock; directors, Fred Nurse, T. J. Brownidge, John M. Bird, Mac Sprout, J. H. Wilmet, Johnson Neelands, C. H. Lawrence, W. E. Breckon, R. A. Hurren, A. R. Service, Malcolm Moffat and Calvin Sprowl.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TOOTHBRUSHING

In civilized man, the toothbrush does for the teeth, what raw, coarse and detergent foods did for the teeth of primitive man.

It washes away the soil in which the little acid-producing bacteria of the mouth thrive.

It stimulates the gums into a more rapid blood flow, thus removing waste products and enhancing the resistance to infection.

The toothbrush helps promote clean, healthy teeth, dentists emphasize.

They point out there are three conditions that must come together in the mouth before decay is produced. These include bacteria, easily fermentable foods like sugar and starches, and a hideout that is undetected long enough for bacteria to work on the food and build up acid of sufficient strength to attack the tooth enamel.

The duty of the toothbrush is to interrupt these conditions by interrupting acid formations so that there is never a sufficient buildup for an attack.

Another function of the toothbrush is to prevent deposits of debris, known as tartar or calculus. For some 24 hours, the deposits remain soft enough to be removed by the brush. But afterward, they become hardened to the extent that a dentist's steel instrument is necessary to scrape them off.

If tartar is left to accumulate, the gum tissue becomes irritated. This can lead to disturbances in the gums and supporting tooth structure.

The toothbrush also helps to keep the teeth clean and the gums in a healthy condition.

Sometimes gums will bleed because of the brushing. Dentists say there is no harm if it continues only a few days. The tissue cells covering the gums become toughened, like a hand doing hard labour. If, however, the bleeding persists, the condition should be checked by a dentist.

THE MAIL BAG

Travellers Gain Good Impression of Town

228 Beesborough Dr., Toronto 17, January 7th, 1957.

Dear Mr. Editor:
After midnight on December 28th, after leaving Acton en route to Toronto, we developed car trouble and were forced to stop on the main street in Georgetown to see if we could secure help. Two gentlemen driving through Georgetown stopped to see if they could assist but on seeing the trouble advised us to go to the Municipal Office and ask the officer on duty to locate a mechanic for us. We did this but before the officer arrived back from his tour of duty, we saw a taxi drive up across from the building, and so we went over to see if the driver knew of a garage that would be open that hour of the night. He went to no end of trouble in phoning around for a garage man for us and was successful in locating one who said he would come down to the garage and see what he could do. The taxi driver guided us down to Ray Bowers Motor Sales Ltd. and stayed with us until the job was completed and we were on the road again.

We would like the citizens of Georgetown to know of the good will that was extended to us by both the taxi driver and the garage mechanic that night. Not only were they pleasant to deal with but most helpful and obliging.

All we can say to these gentlemen for their kindness is a very sincere thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Cook and
Gwen Williams.

BONSPIEL WINNERS

Two local couples competed in a mixed bonspiel at Bradford on Saturday and were fortunate in winning second prize.

Sam Mackenzie skipped the rink which was composed of his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Don Barrager. They are members of the local curling club.



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