

LEGION NOTES

by Ken Clark

Adding much to injury, regarding the much talked about Legionary, is the fact that one is sent to the Herald Office every month and always arrives. This is some thing you think of it, as the reader has not had a copy since last February. Other times it possibly could have been our fault, but not as this year as we managed to send a few stacks on the "house-keep" and paid our dues-very hard, last December. The important part of it is that the ones who are not getting it this year, are those who WERE paid well in advance. All told, almost one hundred have not received it this year. We do feel that the Dominion Command is not altogether to blame for this, but from the number of gripes we are getting, hope it is soon straightened out. We've contacted everybody, we can think of, including

the editor in chief of the Legionary himself. We are anxiously awaiting his reply, as we had a "show back" when we wrote him, as it might just get results (either that or an explanation.)

Fred Credit is having their decoration day next Sunday and Milton is having theirs the same day. The next same meeting will be on Sunday, September 22nd in the local Legion Hall, and we look forward to a large number on hand for it.

The meeting starts at 2.30 and we can assure you it will not be a lengthy one. We hope to see a good many of the local members present.

Speaking still of the Legionary, there was an item about a man named James, in Montreal, that sort of caught our eye. He was recently mentioned at his Legion branch in that city, and his story must be an

interesting one. He was an acting brigadier in the first war, and in the second world war was an BSM and he had a document stating the medals he is entitled to wear. This was to avoid awkward questions, when he was seen in his BSM uniform, wearing some 21 decorations including the D.S.O. and two bars.

There are some excellent pictures in the Legionary this month, including one of the president, past president and first vice president of Ontario Command. You know, we felt the last night of the convention that retiring president, Henry Harvey hated to retire and he confirmed this at the president's reception when we were talking to him. Henry came over to speak to a group of ladies near us and one of them asked him how he felt to be finished, and his reply was that "he loved the job, and would have liked to stay, but a good man was coming in." It's always the most difficult thing in the world when you hold an office with a good friend next in line and you have to make a decision like that. Not that Fred O'Brecht will be a poor president by any means. He has all the qualifications of a successful leader - a successful man himself, a leader in his community, actively interested in the political life of his community and country (we have a sneaking idea that he hopes to have M.P. after his name some day) and has been active in Legion work and is most active in Rotary work. Fred has a very lovely wife, Edith, and two children. His business is owner of a dairy in Durham.

Hope our readers don't mind us wandering a bit, but we have no set items to write about this issue, so we're, as we said, just wandering. Still speaking of our past and president officers we think that provincially we have been very wise in our choices of presidents at least in the last number of years. They have all had the two main requirements (in the writer's opinion, that is) of being natural leaders and successful in their own line of business. Just looking back, we think of Ab Hulse, president several years ago, who is lawyer and a Queen's Counsel, practicing at Aurora. At present he is second vice president of the OHA, right behind Georgetown's Ken McMullan. Then we think of Harold Tolley, a successful businessman from Sault Ste. Marie, and of course, the immediate past, Henry Harvey, the manager of the Ottawa Journal, one of Canada's outstanding dailies. This carries out in some part our belief that a man should be successful to a certain degree in his own personal line of endeavour, before he aspires to head any group. How often do we see it otherwise, where a man neglects his own business or job, for his extra curricular activities, to the extent of not making a good job of either. Too often do you find offices being held by men who would be much better advised to

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Lisa Sergio, Italian-born and by choice an American citizen, is recognized on both sides of the Atlantic as one of the ablest and best informed analysts of international affairs. She is widely known as a lecturer, news commentator, writer and editor.

Miss Sergio will give a lecture in Georgetown on Tuesday, September 24th under auspices of the Georgetown Business and Professional Women's Club.

Upon returning from abroad at the end of 1955, Miss Sergio accepted the editorship of a well-known news service established over a quarter of a century ago by Mr. Devere Allen and edited by him until his sudden death in August, 1955. This news service, formerly called Worldover Press and now renamed World Around Press, has a distinguished Editorial Board which includes Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Mr. Quincy Howe, Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, Dorothy Canfield Fish-



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er, Dr. A. William Loos, Mr. Landrum Bolling, Mr. Clarence Senior, Mr. Chester Rick and Mr. Albert S. Coolidge. World Around Press reaches an approximate readership of over twenty million people in many countries and has a body of about 120 correspondents all over the world who provide dispatches, analyses and reports reaching Miss Sergio's desk day in and day out. Through this very unique link with world events Miss Sergio is in even closer touch with trends and facts than ever before.

As an active member of the National Board of Managers of the United Church Women, a Director of the Vermont Council on World Affairs, and as editor of the official organ of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Miss Sergio is in contact with a wide range of human development at all levels and is able to incorporate them with astounding effect in her thought-provoking and challenging interpretations before lecture audiences.

Her rise to international prominence came through a varied and unique chain of events which led her from archaeology to radio, from close association with a dictator to fearlessly militant for democracy and freedom, from the invention of a system for teaching languages over the air to the editorship of a woman's international magazine. From all of this, Lisa Sergio has derived an exceptional understanding of situations and of people, a great wealth of first hand knowledge covering almost every field of human endeavour, which enhance the clarity of her interpretation of current events.

Biographical Note

In her native city of Florence, against an aristocratic and cosmopolitan family background, she was tutored privately, specializing in subjects which, later, were to fit her so admirably for a role in world affairs. The only child of Baron Agostina Sergio (whose mother was Scottish) and of the former Marguerite FitzGerald of Baltimore, her penetrating mind beginning to bear fruit at an early age.

At fifteen she translated a play from French into Italian and had the thrill of seeing it produced. At seventeen she was associate editor of the only English language daily in Italy, a literary paper called "The Italian Mail" to which such celebrated writers as Walter Savage Lander, Norman Douglas, Lady Sargent, Wickham Stead, D. H. Lawrence and others contributed.

At the age of twenty-two she resigned the editorship she had attained, to turn to archaeology, and as General Secretary of the Association of Mediterranean Studies, worked on the Roman excavations of Ostia and Pompeii, eventually contributing an English guide book to the latter which was officially in use during World War II. In 1932, it was Guglielmo Marconi, Father of Radio, who, at a time when Fascism was generally regarded as "a good thing for Italy," persuaded her to enter the field of radio.

Miss Sergio thus became the first woman commentator in Europe and was heard broadcasting regularly in English, French and Italian, from Rome. These duties she combined with those of official English interpreter for Mussolini. Internationally known as "The Golden Voice of Rome," her association with the Italian dictator and his government soon opened her eyes to the true nature of the seemingly beneficent Blackshirt regime. Carefully at first, and later more and more daringly she used her unique position and her enormous following to try and reveal the dangers of Fascism. Finally caught, it was through the aid of Guglielmo Marconi that she was able to escape to the United States in 1937 and evade a prison sentence meted out to her by the Mussolini regime.

Only a few days after her arrival in New York, she was broadcasting over the NBC networks and by the time World War II broke out, she had established herself so firmly in American radio that she soon became one of the country's leading news analysts, with New York's famous WQXR and with the ABC network. The recipient of many honours and awards, for her radio work, she also entered the lecture field, and very soon, her slim chic figure and her dark brilliant eyes became as well-known as her velvety radio voice.

A believer in the need for active participation by trained women in public affairs, the AWA gave her an award, citing her as "a woman who, through her keen and comprehensive interpretation of world events, stimulates women to take their share in weaving a world pattern."

Until 1952, when she established her home in Woodstock, Vermont, she was also a lecturer in Sociology at Columbia University. Since moving to New England she has gained an enthusiastic following among rural audiences before which she often appears while still lecturing extensively all over the country. Of Vermont she says: "It confirms my long-held belief that the power of democracy comes from the grass roots and rests in the determination of all its people to use the rights and fulfill the responsibilities which are the blood-stream of our freedom."

Miss Sergio, whose personal experience with dictatorship has provided her with a realistic approach to the current menace of Communism, believes that the battle for freedom cannot be won unless it is fought at the economic, educational and social level. "It is a question of better thinking rather than of better bombs," she says, and is constantly engaged in studying propaganda methods and psychological warfare.

Miss Sergio finds time to enjoy a variety of extra curricular activities, which include designing and making clothes, upholstering and

carpeting and, following in the wake of her adopted mother, the late Ann Batchelder, of the "Last-its Home Journal," is also quite a hand at cooking.

Among her most treasured possessions are the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor of France, the reproduction of a 'loving cup' given to her American forbears by Lafayette, and a picture of the Roman arch at Pola on the Adriatic, erected there during the reign of the Emperor Augustus by the family of the Sergii from who she derives her name.

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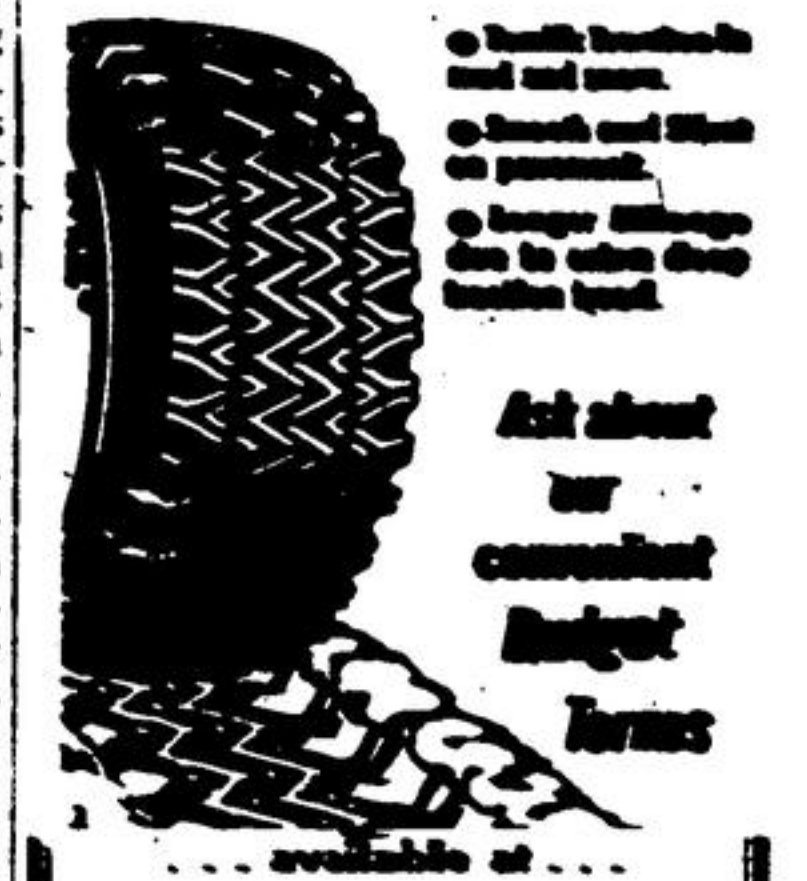
BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR CHARLES BIEHN

Charles Biehn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn, 26 Queen St., celebrated his sixth birthday with a party at his home on Tuesday, September 2nd. His party guests were Douglas Pearce, Jackie Laird, Grant and Graham Wingrove, Jeffrey Eason, David Farrell and his cousin John McNally.



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We brought up one point to the provincial secretary, Pat Biggs and president Fred O'Brecht, that we hope is acted on before another convention. And that is the possibility of having a general reception right at the first of the convention, to see that everybody knows who's who. We found very many of the fellows, from our own district as well as others, didn't have a clue as to who the provincial officers were, what they looked like, and as for district commanders, even not one in a hundred knew. We feel quite strongly that this could be rectified quite easily, by this first night get-together, making it mandatory for every provincial officer to be present and have them introduced over a mike, and let them circulate for an hour or two. This would also create a great deal of good feeling, which wasn't present the first day we felt, when all the officers went their own individual ways, leaving the "troops" on their own in the armories. Both Pat and Fred were in favour of the idea, and said if we would send a letter as a recommendation from branch or zone, they would do their best to see it put in effect. Possibly sandwiches or a drink could be available as well. And don't get us wrong, we have no axe to grind in this, but did feel a lot of the boys felt left out. Naturally, there always a space factor, and the various affairs had had to be to only some of the group, usually zone commanders and up, plus the provincial executive but one affair as we've sketched would pay off in good fellowship and improved relationships between the delegates.

The adjacent buildings have now been transferred to the Legion and as of the first of September the whole place is ours. Wonder how many readers considered that they are shareholders in just about the biggest single piece of real estate in Georgetown? Blessed capitalists, that's what!

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