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LEGION NOTES

By Leslie M. Clark

The New Year party was quite a success with the usual large crowd in attendance. Unfortunately, we were unable to be present too long, but from the time spent there, it seemed to be its usual fine party. Lunch was served by ladies of the W.A., and we think the president Dot, deserves a hand for working so hard at this, with her very capable committee. She has been the weather for some time, and it was good to see her around once again.

The orchestra that supplied music was very good, comprising as it does all local lads, we found it particularly enjoyable. The boys call themselves 'The Midniters' and certainly did a grand job. There was a grand crowd present, and many old faces, and particularly happy was the fact that the party brought out a lot of new members too. Jim Murphy, who has been on the sick list and deserves a lot of credit for his arrangements, as does the president. Mind you, human nature being what it is we doubt if any of us every stop to say thanks for the efforts put into a party such as this, nor do the people in charge really expect it, but it would be nice to hear from the members once in a while that they appreciate the work done.

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A question of some interest has been asked us quite often about the ceiling for War Veterans' Allowance (or "burnt out" pension) so to settle the argument we enquired from DVA head office. The maximum for a man classed as single is $90 per month, while a married man with family gets a maximum of $120, with an additional $25 paid in extenuating circumstances. We should like to also publicly thank the VA rep, and indeed the DVA office, for the very helpful way they have acted in a number of cases in this district recently. Naturally, these things do take a bit of time, which is unavoidable, but DVA has been extremely good in trying to be just as fast as possible.

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Here's a few New Year's wishes one week late, incidentally, due to a crowded Herald, last Wednesday, that no doubt the following people would like to see come true:

● To Dave Bowman, the steward: the power to convince a number of his 'clients' that the clock is actually correct, and that he hasn't been shoving it ahead to deprive them of that last all-important five minutes.

● To Nick and the executive, the happy, but, alas, impossible favour of being able to come in occasionally without being buttonholed to set right some imaginary wrong suffered by someone at the hands of the branch.

● Jim Murphy: An ever increasing Friday night party, with all members in attendance.

● Alex Taylor: A larger hall to hold just as successful, but much larger bingos every Saturday night.

● Gob Collier: That everyone who takes Christmas tickets would sell them, not just put them away and forget about them . . . plus the happy occasion after the Xmas tree that would see every child eligible for a present, receive it that night or have some one pick it up for them.

● To Knobby: to see this column print the story about the little building that got pushed over on Hallowe'en night.

● To Merle Reid, Harry Howard, and John Walsh: That we'd find someone else to 'rib' in this corner. (but we probably won't.)

● To Secretary Charlie: That every time someone's notice goes missing, that they wouldn't give him h - - - ! That is becoming an increasingly big job, with the amount of envelopes to address and notices to send, with other secretarial duties, and is a real big job.

● To treasurer Wallace: That all dues were paid up for the first of the year, that for one month our bank balance remained 'fluid', that Santa Claus would pay off the mortgage.

● To Bud-Hill, Frank Connely and the kid hockey committee: The happy thought that they would always have lots of help on Saturday mornings, more ice time, and last, but possibly most important, that all the parents would be interested enough to come down and see thir kids play.

A BRIDAL COUPLE of last summer are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tost, whose marriage took place in Grace United Church, Brampton. Mr. Tost, an employee of Buck's Fine Foods, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tost, 72 Guelph St. His bride is the former Christine Irvine of Brampton. —Photo by Gordon Campbell, Brampton

● To the old Legion ball team: The ability to turn back the clock about eight years and get out and play ball as well as they did then.

● To the writer: Lots of news for this column in the coming year. It will carry on as it has for the past fourteen years, but increasingly we find it hard to find the time to scout around for the bits of news that are so essential to making this column reasonably interesting. So any help any one can give us is appreciated. Included in this we should like to be able to once again introduce our new members thru this column.

● To Mrs. Grieve: The ability to be able to say after Poppy Day that he had more help than she needed.

● To Sonny Walker: So many [illegible] have been [illegible] choose, so we'll settle for a large size girdle!

● To Gord King: A perfect hockey season in goal, with a shutout every game.

● To Earl Lince: All the recruits he could possibly dream of in "C" Company.

● And last but most of all, to all those who are sick or in need, we hope that 1959 will be a wonderful year to you and that all your difficulties will be resolved.

SHORTHORN SHOW HEIFER GOES TO ILLINOIS

A Shorthorn transaction of note was made by T. C. Amos, Moffat, with the sale of one of his show heifers to an Illinois breeder. This was a polled heifer of considerable promise, having won her class at the Canadian National Exhibition, and was Reserve Champion at that strong show.

The buyer, F. C. Herriott, Champlain, Illinois, assembled a small select group of Ontario Shorthorns for the purpose of exhibiting them at the International Show at Chicago next year.

Another Illinois breeder, Willard Nelson of Geneseo, took out a strong selection from the herds of W. H. Black, Moffat; Bruce Fletcher, Guelph, J. S. Norrish, Moffat, Carroll Lamont, Guelph; T. A. Buchanan, Moffat, and T. C. Amos.

FARM NEWS

Halton Debaters Move Into the Third Round

J. E. W.

Wednesday evening of last week saw Halton's 1953-59 debating quartette move into the third round of the Ontario Junior Farmer inter-county debating competition, when they defeated the Brant County representatives. Actually we should refer to this year's representatives as a debating quintette, since Joan Wrigglesworth of Hornby substituted on rather short notice for Dave Wilson, who unfortunately is confined to hospital — incidentally, Dave's wide circle of friends across Halton are all wishing him a speedy recovery. It goes without saying, that the popular, able and energetic Dave is sadly missed not only in Junior Farmer circles, but up around the Milton Co-Op where he is the assistant manager.

However, to get back to last week's debate, over in Brantford, Halton's negative team, of Bill Wilson and Joan Wrigglewsorth defeated the Brant County's affirmative team by a margin of eight points — the resolution being, "Resolved that Ontario rural youth is being adequately trained for modern agriculture."

At the same time, on the same resolution, Halton's affirmative team of Sandy Hepburn and Evelyn Booth defeated Brant's negative team by a margin of eleven points up in the board room of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture in Milton.

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