

LEGION NOTES

by Les Clark

Last Friday night was once again a huge success, and we think the only thing for it is to punch a hole in the wall and salvage over the lakeshore. A relatively simple job, for about 15 to 20 thousand, we hasten to add.

The evening itself began with Grace, followed by the Queen. The very excellent dinner was catered to by the Katakalis, for a total of some 250 odd persons.

President Dave Capperauld welcomed the guests and the following toasts were given:

"Yallahs Comrades" by Leslie Clark, "The Canadian Legion" by Mayor Ern Hyde, and the reply to this was given by branch pastor, Rev. Kenneth Richardson.

President Capperauld then proceeded to present membership pins, representing 25 years of Legion service, to three of the branch.

The recipients were Jim Duryson, Arthur Herbert and Tom Herbert.

The master of ceremonies, Les Clark then told the group that the branch had received word that afternoon of the rather serious illness of the guest speaker, Father Smith, and that he would not be able to attend.

However, the branch had persuaded their old friend and honorary member Jack Armstrong to speak. Mr. Armstrong then gave an excellent address to the 250 present.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Time-Consuming, Unwieldy Criticism of Procedure

Characterizing the procedure for processing amendments to planning bylaws as "time-consuming and unwieldy" Cr. Ian Cass blasted Queen's Park at the Nov. 7 council meeting and said he intends to bring a motion later to council which he hopes to circulate among other municipalities to let the government know how towns feel about it.

The councillor's criticism came after receipt of a letter, which asked a number of amendments to the town's official plan, most of them of a minor nature.

"It took us many meetings and the amendments have been submitted to the government at least three times," he said. "We have produced copies in triplicate, quadruplicate and right up to octuplicate," and each time our copies must be amended."

Council was informed by solicitor Bruce Galloway that a similar offer made by the town to the Union of Public Service Employees has been refused and that the conciliation board will reconvene in the matter.

Payment of \$300 each to eight members of the Volunteer Ambulance Service who had completed a first aid course was okayed.

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Suggesting that Georgetown might score another "first" if it adopted a new treatment to lessen the effects of winter salt corrosion on cars, Cr. John Gunn recommended that the Calgon firm be contacted and prices obtained for an additive to winter salt which is designed for this service.

TRY KEEP CHILDREN WITH OWN FAMILIES

Child welfare services today are increasingly concerned with children in their own families, J. Paul Jolliffe, executive director of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Halton told Oakville Rotary Club recently.

"We believe that the best place for most children is in their own homes, natural or adopted," he declared. "The emphasis now is upon applying Children's Aid Service facilities to troubled family situations."

Major efforts are being made to expand Children's Aid services to keep up with the population explosion in Halton county. Competent personnel and intelligent courageous leadership are both required for this task he concluded.

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Nomination Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

IN THE AUDITORIUM OF
WRIGGLESWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF
Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors,
Hydro Commissioner and Public School Trustees

Nominations from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.
PUBLIC MEETING AFTERWARDS.

C. G. BENHAM, Returning Officer.

J. HERBERT REID, (right) of Reid Equipment and Supply Co. of Georgetown, Ontario, Canada, and W. J. Klein, sales promotion director of Allis-Chalmers tractor group and vice president, inspect details of an artist's conception of the farm equipment dealer's installation of the future, complete with helicopter service and airstrip. Mr. Reid attended the introduction of Allis-Chalmers 1961 line of farm equipment November 1st at French Lick, Ind. More than 3,000 dealers from throughout the United States and Canada attended the presentation.



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

Sometimes I have the darndest experiences. I pulled a telegram blank from the desk in the parlour car, intending to dash off ten words announcing my arrival in Drumheller, Alta. Instead, the lined blank conjured up a memory. Mentally I was hundreds of miles away, in the Communication Department of the Canadian National Railways in Toronto.

I suppose it is because women are, for the most part, completely oblivious of mechanical operation, that we are usually fascinated with anything more complicated than an ironing board, or a carpet sweeper.

The day I was given the "four treatment" was, according to heads of the various operations, just an ordinary one as far as rush of business was concerned. As I watched the pattern of traffic, I thought perhaps Russia had launched a man into space, the stock market had let loose a flood of bears, or the world was about to come to an end and everyone's friends and relations were being notified of the disaster by wire. It was just an average day, what would this "Barney Google" jungle of machines and operators look like in a national emergency.

thrilled and confused, you want to visit the radio and TV control room. It was all a maze to me. I know I admired beyond measure, the lad with the snapping blue eyes, who had the courage to be alone with the monster boards and machines that lined the room and to know in an instant how to switch CBC from one program to another. I know why commercials are a godsend to such an operation, for while the local station is blurring about the whitest wash, this young man is manipulating plugs and switches that bring in one network program on top of another without an instant's hitch.

I thought such phrases as "The jungle" and "The Merry 20 Round" were apt descriptions for the areas controlling the nation's business, news and domestic messages by wire.

I knew almost as soon as I finished writing "Will arrive Drumheller 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, confirm reservations," the room clerk at the Waldorf Hotel was replying "OK, Tuesday." The arms of operators, always on the job, is taken pretty much for granted by the populace. So is the equipment that involves an investment of millions. We ordinary people could only possibly assess its worth to our every day living, if tomorrow it was knocked out of existence.

WORDS OF THE WISE

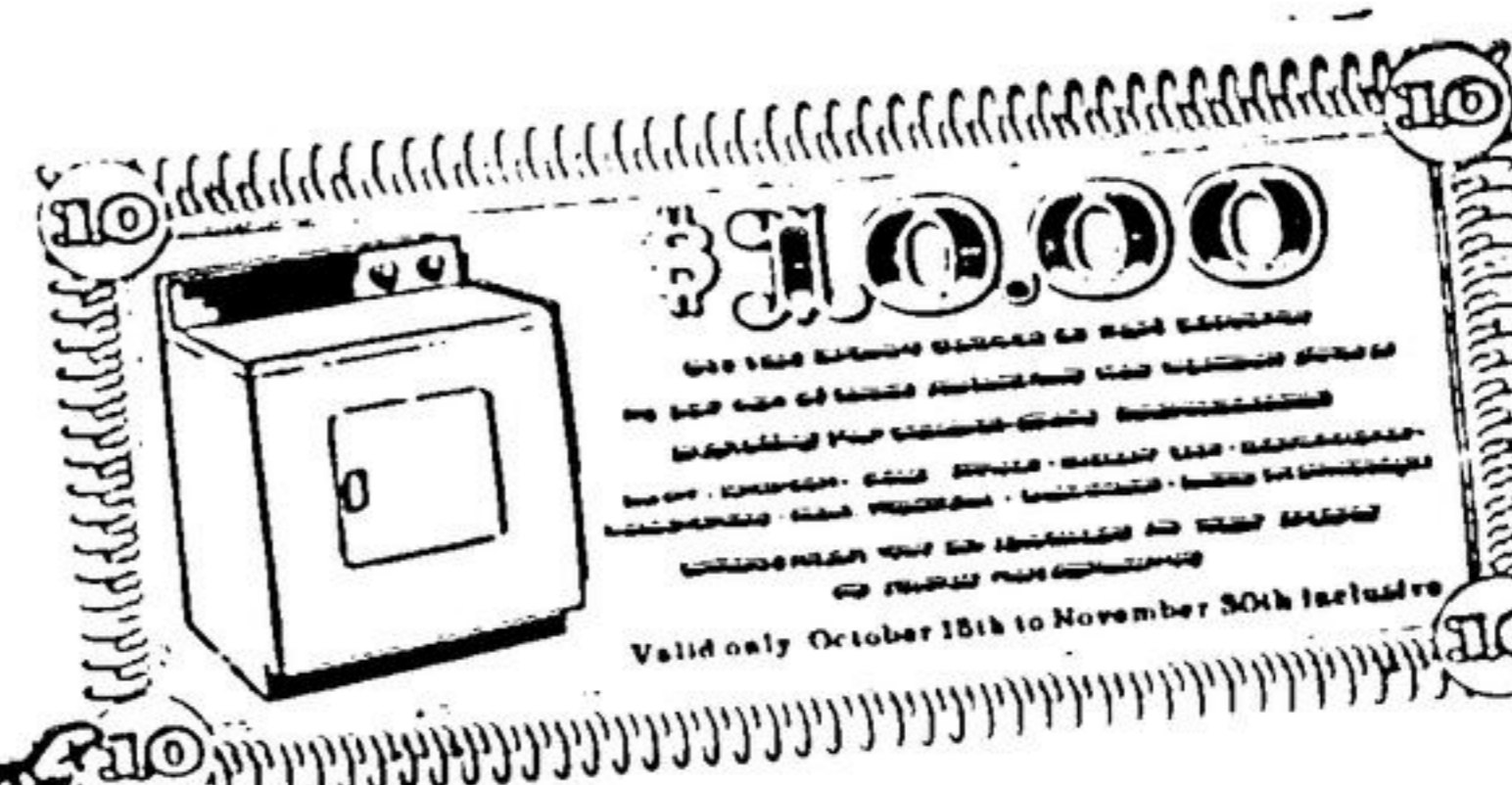
God is the wind and we are the sails. It is necessary to give ourselves to the wind, to accept and not be afraid. — Peter Grease.

And we are WELL-AWARE, (we've been told often enough) that after all the hue and cry we raised about marching, the writer was not on parade. But there were a few agonizing moments when we'd have been glad to change places with anyone on parade, particularly on getting to the park and finding hundreds of people between the guest of honour and his place at the remount. What about a helicopter, next year?

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We started our tour de force in the telephone room. Literally dozens of girls sat at long tables with hand phones fastened on their fancy coiffures, their fingers flying over the keys of their typewriters. In much less time than it takes me to write it, these messages were on a conveyor belt travelling into another room.

Here they were sorted into electrically operated slots which carried them up wire cages and dropped them within inches of the transmitting operator. Secretaries had earphones and somebody's message was being received far, far away.

This room was divided into areas, Canada, United States and cable to points abroad. For the most part, the operators were not in the open flow upon rows of them, operating machines that were as simple as a typewriter and as complex as a test to me, as a robot. Only persons of great skill were the operators of switchboards receiving quotations from the stock market. I saw several of their rooms. I was not how a fraction of a mistake might alter the trading trend of a nation, even cause a panic! These operators are the fastest and most experienced in the business of transmission. I was told. In less than a minute London knows what a stock is selling at on the Toronto Exchange.

The railway communications section was fascinating to me. Beyond the layman's imagination is the control over traffic these huge panels, that look like overgrown telephone switchboards, provide for the safety of passenger travel and freight rerouting. Even more impressive, was the enthusiasm and dedication of men who sit hour after hour, watching for little red, green and white lights to pop on and off and the decisions they make to keep the line clear.

The romance of industry and invention was evident in the Telex machines that are being used more and more in the transmission of messages. In 1937, there were only 40 sets in use in Canada. Two years later, 200 sets had been installed. Today the CNR cannot keep up with the demand for this equipment by industry and newspaper alike.

But if you really want to be