

LEGION NOTES

Expect Ninety at Meeting Of Zone Service Officers

BY RALPH HAWES

Sunday, February 26th, Branch 120 will be the host to Service Officers from Zones B4, B5, B6 and B7. This will be quite an occasion for the Branch.

The guests will begin arriving at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and toast will be provided for those who had an early breakfast.

The meeting will be opened by the Branch president at 9:30 a.m. Comrade W.G. Anderson, District Service Officer, will be the chairman.

Guest speakers will be Mr. B. Thompson, District Administrator of War Veterans' Allowances; Mr. M. Green, Veterans' Land Act; J.J. Ranney, Secretary Ontario Committee Army Benevolent Fund; Eric Seaman, Ontario Canteen Fund; and Mr. S. J. Hope, Provincial Service Officer.

FEEDING NINETY

The meeting is expected to wind up about 4:00 p.m. There will be a break for lunch at 12 o'clock. Dave Bowman has his kitchen team geared up to cater for approximately ninety persons.

Comrade John Elliott will be ready to answer any questions pertaining to the Centennial Fund at the General Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 24th. We are given to understand that John or one of his Centennial Fund Committee will be in contact with every member during the campaign.

John, along with Membership Chairman Mac McLean, hopes to contact veterans who are not members with the view of explaining to them the many advantages they could enjoy by becoming members of the Legion.

Comrade Elliott will in the near future, be approaching members and seeking help in the big chase he was undertaking. Any volunteers? See John, or yours truly, for any questions to be answered.

CLEAN UP

Still on the subject of Legion news, Comrade Buster Hale and a group of keen members cleaned up the auditorium floor and refinished it with two applications of floor finishing material on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Looks quite nice again. Buster hopes it will stay that way.

Another group of members led by Bud Hill assaulted the terrazzo floor downstairs.

The Branch had three teams at Brampton on Saturday to take part in the Zone Cribbage Tournament. One team qualified to enter the District Tourna-

ment which will take place at Niagara Falls, March 19th. The team to qualify was led by Norm McDonald and consists of Comrades Tuck, Stamp, Carter, Arnold, Lorusso, Grieve and Leyton.

Our ladies of the Auxiliary had a very good attendance at their General Meeting, last Thursday, and from all reports, had a very enjoyable evening. After they had pot luck lunch and a session of gift swapping, Comrade Flo Schleicher performed two skits which the ladies found most amusing.

Four new members were initiated during the evening. Mrs. Johnson, Simpson, Balley and Dakin, President Jean Lockhurst is looking forward to initiating a further five new members at the March meeting.

IMPERIAL CHAIRMEN

The Imperial Section of Branch 120 held their monthly meeting and appointed chairmen for the year. They are: Sick — Comrade Matt McDonough, Entertainment — Tom Gadd, Bingo — Alex Taylor, Public Relations — Ralph Hawes.

Queries Accounts, Young Draws Praise of Merry

Rookie county councillor Deputy Reeve James Young, of Georgetown was praised by veteran Reeve Herb Merry, when he questioned the road accounts at Halton County Council's February meeting.

The road accounts are presented only as numbered vouchers with no explanations.

Deputy Reeve Young stated that he was being asked to pass accounts, when he didn't know what the amounts represented.

Reeve Merry stated: "I sat here much longer than you, before I had the courage to ask for an explanation."

The Oakville reeve explained that the accounts were lengthy, and were not listed individually, but were at the clerk's desk in the council chamber for perusal. He further explained that the Roads Committee checked every one thoroughly.

In conclusion, Reeve Merry commended Deputy Reeve Young for his interest, after only one month on county council.

A St. Patrick's Dance was also planned which will take place March 18th.

We feel that these Legion notes are a very important part of our Branch for they bring to all members, the news, activities and aims of Branch 120. They also we hope, give the public who may be interested, an insight to the Branch's projects and the community work that is done by the Legion as a whole.

Each week, we find we have to dig, dig, dig for news. We would appreciate any news items pertaining to Legion or the Branch. It's just a matter of picking up the phone.

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Some weeks our notes are curtailed somewhat, but we believe, is because of shortage of space in the publication so please bear with us. We do our best.

TOWN CHIEF IN CHARGE OF BLITZ INSPECTIONS IN COUNTY

FIRE CHIEF ERV LEWIS of Georgetown was re-elected to the executive of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau recently, and he is shown in this group photo with other executive members. Seated in front are chairman Harold Coulson, Milton; secretary Peter Campbell, Oakville; and treasurer Harry Wilson, Oakville. Standing are the committee chairman; poster competition, Glenn Stringer, Milton; Christmas promotion, District Chief George Wright, Oakville; blitz inspections, Chief Lewis, Georgetown; literature, Chief Douglas Wilson, Oakville; and publicity, Chief A. E. Clement, Milton.

—Photo by Roy Downs

Protestants, Romans Share Much, Says Vatican Observer

"The Church, The World, and You" was the theme of the fourth annual meeting of Halton Presbyterial United Church Women, held at St. Paul's United Church in Milton. Beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m., delegates were welcomed by president Mrs. Earl Sovereign. Mrs. Frank Taylor, president of UCW Hamilton Conference, led a worship service and annual reports were accepted. Including an allocation of \$25,000 as received from Conference, the proposed budget for 1966 was accepted in the amount of \$26,118.

Mrs. Sovereign was presented with a UCW life membership by Mrs. Keith MacMillan, on behalf of the executive. A gift from her own UCW at East Flains United Church was presented by Mrs. E. M. Tritton.

Prayers were offered by Mrs. Byrnes Fleuty for two faithful executive members who were hospitalized and unable to be present, Mrs. R.R. Bonsteel and Mrs. F.W. Hayward. Members were greeted the following day to hear of the death of Mrs. Hayward, who was to be installed at the meeting as incoming president of Halton Presbyterial United Church Women.

Rev. M. Jewitt Parr, chairman of Halton Presbyterial, installed the new slate of officers. Past President, Mrs. Earl Sovereign to serve temporarily as president; Executive vice president, Mrs. W.D. Stainton, Oakville; Vice president Area 1, Mrs. G.W. Hornung, Burlington; Vice president Area 2, Mrs. Lindsay Cummins, Milgrove; Vice president Area 4, Mrs. R.A. Mercure, Cooksville; Vice president Area 5, Mrs. C. Hawke, Clarkson; Recording secretary Mrs. Roy Coulter, Campbellville; treasurer, Mrs. L.B. King, Waterdown.

Committee chairmen are: Citizenship and Social Action, Mrs. E.M. Flowers, Meadowdale; Co-op in Christian Education and Missionary Education, Mrs. H.H. White, Cooksville; Finance, Mrs. W.D. Stainton, Oakville; Leadership Development, Mrs. Earl Sovereign, Burlington; Nominations, Mrs. E.R. Whitfield, Cooksville.

Portfolio secretaries are: Community Friendship and visiting, Mrs. K.O. Foster, Milton; Literature and Communications, Mrs. Gordon Lapp, Port Credit; Press and Publicity, Miss Myrtle Blanshard, Burlington; Assistant Programme secretary, Mrs. C.C. Smith, Waterdown; Stewardship and Recruiting, Mrs. L. Shaw, Clarkson; Supply and Social Assistance, Mrs. E. C. Tombs, Port Credit; Archivist, Mrs. H.B. Monaghan, Burlington.

Speaker at the afternoon session was Rev. Richard H.N. Davidson of Fairlawn United Church, Toronto, whose topic "Observer at the Vatican Council."

Dr. Davidson was one of the few Canadian clergy who were chosen to be among the official observers at the recent sessions of the Vatican Council. Invitations were sent to 53 "non-Roman separated brethren" representing religious denominations throughout the world, to observe the historic meetings at the Vatican.

Dr. Davidson, who said he "went and returned as a good Protestant", expected to be a good observer and very critical. "This was a colossal sight for anyone not raised in the Roman Tradition. Never before in church history had there been a gathering of 2300 Bishops, all respondent in their ecclesiastical garb. I learned more about church politics in three

months than ever before or since."

He said he listened to all the speeches, read all the literature at his disposal and came away with a very different opinion of the Roman Catholic religion. The tremendous significance of this Vatican Council which marked the end of the old church and the beginning of the new, is the most important event in the life of the church in the last century. Dr. Davidson told the United Church Women that "We share far more things with the Roman church than those which separate us."

"We belong to the Holy Catholic or universal Church because we are all baptized in the name of Christ." He said that some of the theologians were very liberal and others quite conservative in their thinking, and that not only the high priests were in attendance, but also many priests from small parishes. "They discussed, thought argued and voted with their people back home in mind."

This was the first time the Roman church has immersed itself in matters of the world with the church taking an official stand on matters of war, peace and culture. Birth control was not openly discussed and the council remained divided on this point.

Speaking of the new views and attitudes of the Roman Catholic Church and the changing responsibilities of the Pope and

the spokesman for the church and chairman of the College of Bishops, Dr. Davidson said that the Pope could not have come to New York for the unprecedented visit to the United Nations if his church did not agree with the aims and purposes of the UN.

Is Scripture first in importance with the Roman church or tradition? Dr. Davidson said that during the Vatican Council in the vast St. Peter's Cathedral, The Pope emphasized the primary importance of the Scriptures.

Every morning before the conference, the Bible was carried in, read from and then laid in a prominent place so everyone would know that everything being done during the sessions was in accordance with the Bible.

In conclusion, Dr. Davidson stated "The reformation that is changing the Roman Catholic Church must also change and modernize the United, Anglican and all other churches, so we will all become more catholic (universal). The reformation is just beginning. I pray to God that it will continue and that we will try to understand them more fully just as they are trying to learn more about the things we value so highly."

Concluding the meeting was a communion service conducted by Rev. Miriam Collins Johnson assisted by lady elders of Halton Presbyterial.

Elect Mrs. Ryder to Head St. Andrew's Church UCW

The officers of St. Andrew's UCW were installed by Rev. Kelvin Johnston at the group's initial meeting for 1966. Mrs. Laverne Ryder is the new president.

Other members of executive are: vice president, Mrs. Eileen Bradley, secretary Mrs. E. Mair, treasurer Mrs. C. Wodhams, membership chairman Mrs. Florence Skilling, program chairman Mrs. Helen Anderson, literature and publicity chairman Mrs. Florence Baker, social convener, Mrs. Doreen Dutton, bulletin editor Mrs. Marjorie Ackroyd, Christian citizenship and education Mrs. K. Johnston.

The February meeting was very well attended to hear Mrs. Peggy Treahy, past president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. She spoke on the workshop for retarded adults and showed slides to illustrate how such a workshop can do much to aid those employed there to find their place in society.

Mrs. Florence Baker introduced the speaker, Mrs. Linda Stierit thanked Mrs. Treahy.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dutton and her committee.

Georgetown's County Cost Share is 5.33% in 1966

Oakville will pay 43.85 per cent of Halton County costs this year, it was shown in the schedule of equalized assessment approved at Halton County Council last week.

Next largest contributor is Burlington with 39.64 per cent, Georgetown 5.33 per cent, Esquevasing 3.57 per cent, Milton 3.37 per cent, Acton 2.52 per cent, and Nassagaweya 1.49 per cent.

The percentage of costs paid by a municipality are based on the ratio of their own assessment to the total assessment of the County.

Oakville's assessment is \$127,107,887, Burlington \$114,906,185, Georgetown \$16,040,175, Esquevasing \$10,366,728, Milton \$9,776,630, Acton \$7,313,106, and Nassagaweya \$4,345,168.

Included in these amounts are grants in lieu of taxes paid by various government departments and agencies, owning land in the municipalities.

LIMEHOUSE

Chose Officers for 4-H Limehouse Girls Club

Members of Limehouse 4-H Club chose officers when they held their first meeting at the home of Mary Lou Brown. Eleven girls attended.

Linda Linham is president, Thelma Kirkwood, vice president, Marilyn Kirkwood secretary, Mary Lou Brown treasurer, Margo Ruddell telephone convener and Eleanor Karn press reporter.

Mrs. Ted Brown is leader and Velma Linham gave demonstrations on measuring dry ingredients. The girls were given notes on entertaining in the Home and Hostess reference files.

At last week's meeting on February 19th in Limehouse Memorial Hall, the club combined with Ballinfad and Silverwood clubs when Mrs. Ernest Pearce of Rosedale Floral, of Georgetown gave a demonstration on flower arrangements.

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