



Initiation Team Outstanding In Ceremony New Members

by Ralph Hawes

After much time taking practice and rehearsing, Harry Bottoms and his initiation team proved the adage of practice makes perfect by their outstanding performance on Friday evening. We feel the many members and their wives who were at the initiation will agree with us that although the initiation is a simple ceremony, it was carried out with much dignity. The colours were marched on, the team took their places smartly and Presiding Officer Harry Savings and Comrade Collier flawlessly instructed and initiated the new members.

Present Colours

The new members were received by the membership in the usual manner. Sgt. at Arms Bottoms and standard bearers then escorted, Sgt. at Arms Marg Hale and standard bearers Jean Calder and Marion Beattie into the hall where President Dave Bowman presented new colours to Jean Lockhurst, Ladies Auxiliary President. She in turn, handed the colours to the ladies standard bearers. Pres. Bowman then handed over to Padre Kelvin Johnston who conducted a brief consecration service.

Harry Bottoms then marched off the standard bearers and team. He must have felt proud of those members who made the whole thing possible for without a doubt, we feel it was one of the better displays we have witnessed.

Much Impressed

District Commander Dave Ca-

perald was much impressed and expressed his hopes that the team will begin visiting other Branches again.

We congratulated Harry later in the evening. Harry feels the congratulations should go, along with his personal thanks, to the members of the team and the three members of the Auxiliary who put so much time in practice.

A dance followed the ceremony where everyone enjoyed stepping out to the music of Jack O'Sullivan. A lunch of chili con carne or weiners and beans which was prepared by Bruce Collins was served. Whoever most was chosen was delicious. We know — we sampled both of them.

Drill Press

Saturday afternoon, yours truly and Bus Hale took off in search of a drill press which the Branch will donate to the Hope Workshop for the Mentally Retarded to replace the antiquated machine the trainees are trying to get along with now. We scoured the towns and shopping centres from Georgetown to the outlying district of Toronto before we finally located one. Members who are interested may see it at the Branch this week.

Last Wednesday, the Branch committee were at the Stushine School where they attended a General Meeting of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. The guest speaker was Miss G. Davenport who is supervisor of the child welfare branch of the Dept. of So-

cial and Family Services. Miss Davenport spoke on the subject of residence for mentally retarded. She emphasized on the difficult situations and many problems the Association could find facing them, but she assured her listeners that these adverse situations need not hamper progress for many other associations had met and overcome such opposition.

Right Location

When the Association locates the land they wish to build on, Miss Davenport will be the person who has the final word regarding whether the land is in the right location of suitable for a residence. We would like to have the Branch members and those of the Ladies Auxiliary know how delighted, grateful and enthusiastic the Association is with the knowledge that Branch 120 is to sponsor them.

The Branch auditorium was again a busy place on Saturday. The Zone ladies played off for the Zone Dart trophy. The two busiest people there were Galtier and Archibald Pullack who supervised the whole day.

Port Credit ladies were the winners with Georgetown second and third.

Very Modern

Saturday dance was different this week. The Starekeepers led by Julian Reed was very modern and in consequence some of the Branch people found it difficult to meet the beat. Door prize winners were Mrs. O. Guest and Mrs. R. Vog-

an. Sunday, April 7th was an im-

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Sidelights of the Liberal Convention

by Garfield McGilvray

portant day for Branch 60, Burlington where District "B" Convention was held. Well over 200 Legionnaires were in attendance. Comrades Bowman, Boyd, Hill, MacKenzie and Ward registered at 9 a.m. Comrades Bottoms, Hodley, Emerson and Johnson arrived in time to represent 120 with the Branch, colours Chester Marrison, the Dominion Command Chairman, was the speaker.

Resolutions

A number of resolutions were brought to the floor, briefly they were as follows:

A veteran living in an urban area he granted the same privileges when building a new home or improving his present home as veterans living in a suburban area.

The Legion petition both Federal and Provincial Government, to build homes that the average working man can afford, also homes for senior citizens.

Provincial Command have funds available to send Zone and District Commanders to Dominion conventions.

Ontario Command attempt to secure group disability insurance coverage for employees working in Branches in Command.

There was some discussion on the idea of using the interest earned by the Centennial Fund for student exchange programs, etc.

Who was the member of Branch 120 who climbed a step-ladder to have a shave one day last week!

The daily news media has flooded your living rooms with outstanding accounts of the biggest political convention in the history of Canada — the Liberal convention in Ottawa last week end, that it may seem presumptuous on our part to attempt a paragraph.

However, your local newspaper was there, and noted some of the highlights and sidelights of this convention, that probably you did not see on television.

In 1958 we attended the convention which chose our present Prime Minister, but it was shaded from all comparison by the 1968 affair which boasted 2,400 delegates and sold \$25,000 to thousands of guests who could gain entrance to the convention in no other way (unless by some devious means). Even at that figure many hundreds of the faithful were turned away because of lack of seating in the 12,000 seat arena. An estimated 2,000 members of the press and television also covered the every move of the leadership candidates for the three convention days.

Hotel and motel accommodation was at a premium as every room was taxed to the limit. Our own accommodation was made possible through a former Halton M.P. who graciously offered his room to us. One didn't have to worry about eating, because the candidates supplied such wonderful refreshments in their lavish hospitality rooms, there was no need to go elsewhere. We thank them for their generosity.

The bally-hoo, the parades, the cheer leaders, the sign waving, the colour, the bands, the carnival atmosphere will long be remembered by the delegates and visitors — the days after by the hotel managers, the civic centre custodians and the garbage collectors of Ottawa.

Never have we seen such extravagant advertising media used to elect a Canadian politician. One candidate was purported to have distributed 2,000 posters during the Friday speech making and I am sure this figure was not exaggerated. Helicopters flew overhead outside trailing long streamers of a candidate's name, chartered buses took you to and from your hotel to the civic centre, we couldn't make all the receptions one-time was taxed.

Paul Hellyer brought his cheering section from Toronto, a big name dance band from New York to the Chateau; Bob Winters held a beef-burger party and his delegates threw thousands of plastic snowballs throughout the arena as he concluded his address; Joe Greene gave all the lady delegates beautiful compacts. No doubt there were other innovations.

The convention was a city of happy people — smiling, hand-shaking, back-slapping, — some of the exuberance no doubt supplied by the ever-flowing wells of mineral water that had

to be tapped before it ran out on Saturday night.

But it was a great convention, and of course had its more serious moments. These giants of political repartee never lost their composure, but went about soliciting the delegates' support in a very dignified manner. There was only one problem — of the nine on the ballot — only one could win. Canada could have used any one of them — but the delegates chose Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Maple Young People Book Australia's Flying Padre

Without his aircraft, Australian Rev. Les Nixon of Sydney would be hard pressed to meet thousands of people throughout the vast inland distances of the land of Australia. The Maple Avenue Baptist Church Young People's Group will be featuring Mr. Nixon at their Evangelistic Rally Friday April 19.

This Sydney-born Evangelist flies to towns and stations all over Australia to lead Gospel concerts and preach to people who seldom hear the Gospel. An accomplished musician and a forceful preacher he plays his accordion, sings, and proves the effectiveness of the Gospel with his practical anecdotes.

He has twice preached across the USA and Canada, and in 1959 he and his wife helped as musical associates to Billy Graham during his Australian and New Zealand crusade.

Although Australia is the largest island continent in the world — about the same size as continental USA — the aircraft has conquered it. Nixon tries to reach all of Australia once a year. To do this, he has had to

borrow many different types of aircraft including an Avia, a Piper Tri-Pass, Cessna 182 and 210. But his own airplane in regular use is the 25 year old 7 seater, twin engine DeHavilland Dragon. It can carry volunteer musical teams who help

from time to time, at 100 miles per hour to reach any isolated outback town in a matter of hours, where conventional road travel would take days — or even be impossible.

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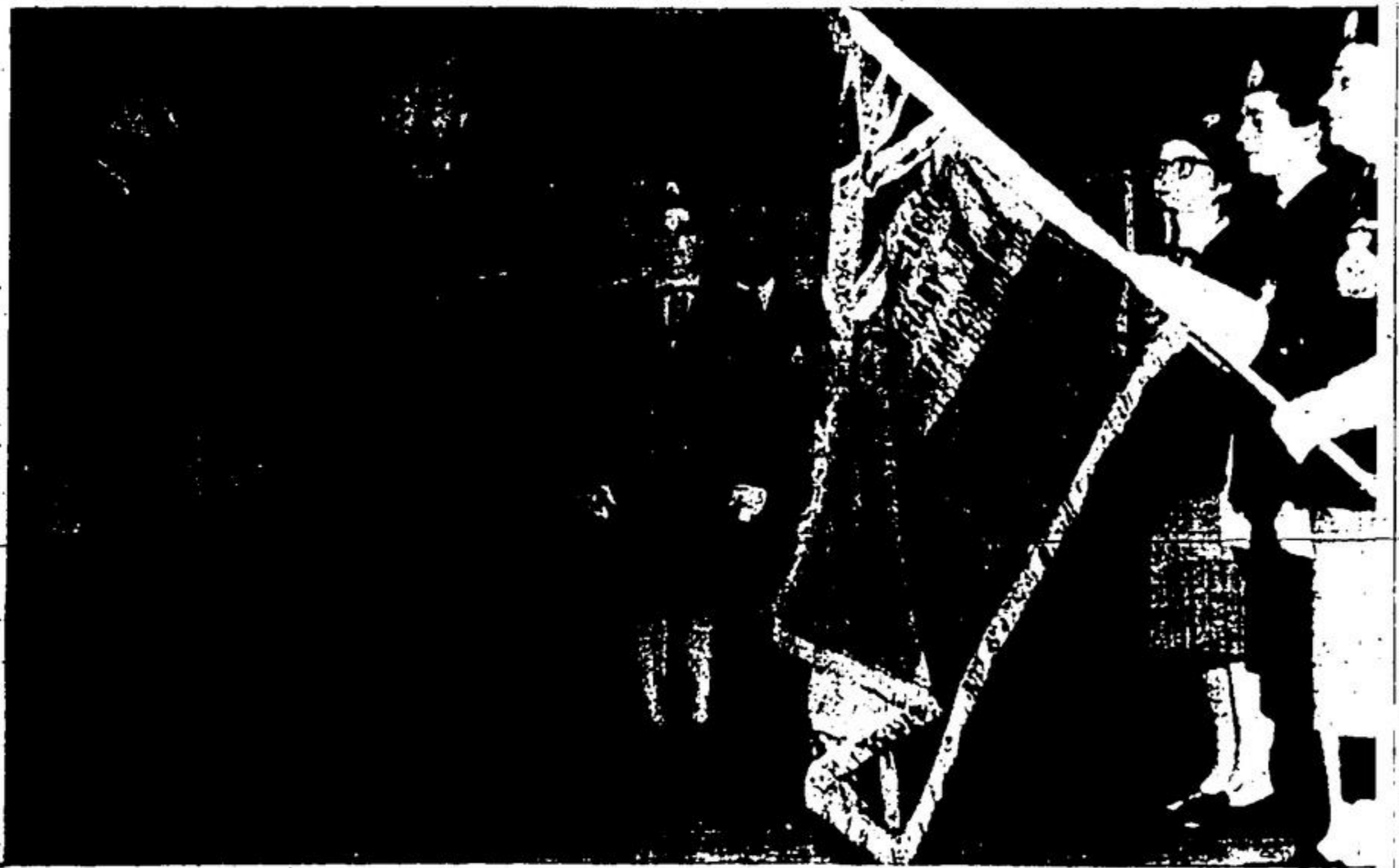
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