

Drill Press, Legion Gift Adds to Workshop Equipment

Ralph Hawes

Acting on a motion passed at a recent executive meeting, President Bowman, vice president Bus Hale, Norm Ward and yours truly were at the Hope Workshop for the retarded with a 12 inch drill press and a belt driven grinder, two items the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded are in dire need of.

It was fortunate that Buster, along with his mechanical and electrical knowledge to assemble and connect the tools with hydros, Mr. and Mrs. Isham accepted the donations on behalf of the Association. The drill press will be used extensively in the repairing of aluminum lawn chairs which is main source of income to the Workshop. Although the repairing of chairs is essentially an important part of the Workshop, there are many other activities. Pillowcases, tablecloths,

etc., are embroidered by the girls, imitation flowers for dresses.

A recommendation from the executive to use the lounge on the ground floor as an office and committee meeting room has merit in our humble opinion.

The room adjoining the bar, which is at the present being used as an office, is inadequate. It is too small. There is no privacy. It is also used as a storage room. The lounge, on the other hand, is seldom if ever used as it was intended. It is used quite frequently for meetings by the many committees of the Branch.

Saturday, May 4th should provide a lively day at the Branch when between twenty-five and thirty couples from Branch 31, Toronto, will be visiting for a section used as an office with Sports and Social afternoon and evening. Visits to 120 by other Branches are rare indeed. Perhaps the powers that be should encourage more visitors and maybe Branch 120 should step out a little and visit other branches. Could be such action with persons working in the office would enhance the comradeship.

Several articles from the Workshop were on display behind the bar on Saturday but they did not remain there long. The members had them purchased in no time.

One of the latest improvements to come to town, the TV cable, will soon be in the branch first public appearance, some time soon. We must find out from Merv from which Clan the

Canadian tarts was taken. Merv is quite enthused with the Band which to date has ten members; six pipers and four drummers.

We understand a drum major has been recruited. The new member is Robert Cuthbert, brother to John, who left town some time ago to head west. We feel Bob is a natural drum major. Liaison Officer, Harry Bottoms will act for the Branch on the Pipe Band Committee.

With Ross Hillier and his group of musicians on the bandstand of the Branch auditorium no one can fail to have a good time and last Saturday evening was no exception. Ross played to a capacity crowd, of very happy couples who filled the floor for almost every dance.

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Another of Bruce's terms and definitions for Branch members: term, exceptionally well qualified, definition, has committed no major blunders.



Mrs. Isham and Dave Bowman Examine Drill Press

SIDE NEWS

Brownies View Sugar Syrup Making

On April 10th the Brownies, the 7th Georgetown Pack and the 10th Georgetown Pack, travelled by bus to Maple, Ont. to see the process of making maple syrup and sugar. The Brownies were away from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and were down the boiler room, the old method of tapping the trees and chipping the sap in bucket, the method with plastic tubing, were told how big a tree should be in diameter to be tapped. The crowning treat was allowed to taste the new syrup. The girls also had the opportunity to buy some maple candy.

The following leaders accompanied the Brownies. From the 7th Pack, Brown Owl, Mrs. Neel Wiener, Tawny Owl, Mrs. Carmichael and Packies, Melcombe and Collette Tel. From the 10th Pack Brownie, Heather Bowen, Owl, Mrs. Georgina Raw and Packie Shirley Skill.

The Brownies in the 7th Pack held two special ceremonies this month to honour two of girls who have earned top Brownie Badge, the den Head, Kathleen Skillings, and Morgenstern on April 15. Craft time the Brownies busy making bun baskets, flower baskets to sell at tea and bazaar on May 11.

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