



Declining Membership Criticized By Speaker

by WRIGHT SMITH
On Thursday, the first general meeting of the 1973-74 season was held.

In attendance were 70 comrades who partook of a delicious roast beef dinner prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Guests at the head table included: Comrades Ralph Hawes, zone commander; Bruce Collins, zone secretary; Fred Baker, zone membership chairman; Bill Shields, district commander; and Don Drinkwater, district membership chairman.

In the address from the head table, Branch 120 was taken to task by Mr. Drinkwater and asked to account for the decline in membership over the past number of years. He was answered in no uncertain terms from the floor, and informed that the decline stems from members failing to pay their

dues until they are a year or so in arrears. He was also told some members don't feel it necessary to pay their dues until the week of the armistice dinner, or the children's Christmas tree party, if they have eligible children.

This state of affairs seems to call for a return to the practice of the Sgt.-at-arms checking membership cards or the signing of the register for general meetings.

The writer is happy to report that the question of fraternal associate members was accorded the reception it merited.

TROPHIES PRESENTED
During the evening the trophies for various sports events were presented to the following comrades: Earl Emond, Walter Blehn, George Sargent and Jim Sargent, for bridge; Harve Chappel, Gord Campbell, Ken Taplin, and

Trevor Williams, and runners-up Doug Ellis, Bill Schenk, Dunc Moneypenny, and Pat Chamberlain for district curling; Harv Chappel, Gord Campbell, Ken Taplin and Dunc Moneypenny for their provincial curling title. Fred Bootle delighted the audience on the organ on Saturday night.

The mini-bingo winners were: Ted Scarlett, Debbie Bryant, Joe Wollaston, and Betty McLean won the full house.

The car club captain informs me the tickets have arrived and are in the process of being issued. The first draw is expected to be held on Friday, Oct. 12, and also the draws for the previous three weeks.

Steak-hunters who made a killing on Friday night were: Mrs. Gale, Maud Norris, Nellie Bell, Hlene Nicholson, Bill McArthur (2), Crawford Wrecks, Cal King, Bob Burns and George Sandifer.

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had to rely on hot dogs and corn for the balance of the evening. Speaking of the fall fair, the Brampton Clown Band gave an impromptu recital of the immortal classics during a brief adjournment to the branch from the fairgrounds on Saturday afternoon.

What a group that is! Each one a skilled musician in his own right. They combine musical ability, split second timing, and a droll sense of humor, which made for a most enjoyable 30 or 40 minutes, made all the more so because it was totally unexpected.

At the time of writing, the Branch 120 Pipe Band was attending the grand opening of Bramalea branch. More on that next week.

And now some more news for darters and would-be darters. The Imperial section is sponsoring a darts tourney on Saturday, Oct. 6. The first games start at 10 a.m., and I am informed that it will be round-robin play. This will be followed by an evening dance, and it isn't necessary to have played darts to attend the dance.

DATES TO REMEMBER
On Friday, Oct. 26, a stag night will be held. Tickets may be obtained at the bar or from any executive member.
Tickets for the Matt McDonough benefit night sponsored by the Imperial section are all sold out. But if you do happen to come across one at \$3.00 per couple, hang on to it.

A word of explanation as to why a Matt McDonough benefit night. Matt and his family were completely burnt out in a recent fire, house and every stick of furniture. Because Matt is a member of long standing in Branch 120, and a past president of the Imperial section, it was felt that a benefit night would help him in some small manner.

There is no standard procedure in such cases, each one is judged by the circumstances.



CENTENNIAL STAMPEDERS

(Herald Photo)

Six stampedes like this one were launched from Centennial Public School, Friday afternoon, as the school held its annual cross-country

runs. The above group includes Grade 6 boys. They ran a mile and a half route along neighborhood streets and through the valley. Ian

Clark won the class for Grade 6 boys. Judy Kracajich, Grade 6 girls; Lyn Chapman, Grade 7 boys;

Anne Marie Oihen, Grade 7 girls; Danny Fisher, Grade 8 boys; and Susan Halbleib, Grade 8 girls.

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RURAL-URBAN CHIT CHAT

Premier William Davis chats with Brenda Brown of Milton and Heather King of Oakville during a visit last week to the Experience '73 display at Queen's Park. The two

Halton County students participated in the rural-urban exchange program, one of a series of projects planned by the Ontario Youth Secretariat.

SOLD OUT
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1976	\$4,000.	1986	\$8,000.
1977	\$4,000.	1987	\$9,000.
1978	\$4,000.	1988	\$10,000.
1979	\$5,000.	1989	\$11,000.
1980	\$5,000.	1990	\$12,000.
1981	\$5,000.	1991	\$13,000.
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