

Legionnaires first Imperials second

Saturday will see veterans of two world wars as well as other former members of Canada's forces turning out for the annual Remembrance Day parade. Most of the men and women in these parades are members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

When the Imperials were formed 40 years ago they had 12 members. Jim Murphy, a World War I veteran now living in Halton Centennial Manor in Milton, was chairman of the section. Today they have about 45 members, Mr. Smith says.

Each year the Imperial section hires a bus to transport Georgetown senior citizens to the garden party at Milton Centennial Manor in Milton and they have also sent down entertainment in the shape of their own group, the Koppi Katts.

One group of Legionnaires in Sunday's parade in Georgetown will be members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120, Imperial Section. While these men are full members of the branch because they served during World War I or World War II, they are also Imperials because their service was done in the British Forces.

The Canadian Legion gradually took over the job of helping the British veteran to get equal treatment with the Canadian veteran so that the need for a separate body to look after his problems disappeared.

One of their latest projects has been the outfitting of a treatment room in the senior citizens' residence where a nurse can look after residents more minor requirements such as checking blood pressure or clipping toe nails without requiring the residents to go to their doctor.

IMPERIAL SECTION
The Georgetown Legion formed an Imperial section in 1938. Now Georgetown's Imperials are the only such section left in Ontario so far as its members can find out.

"We soon discovered we had to find a reason to keep on going," says Roy Rudiger, a former president of the section. "If we didn't have goals we were going to turn into a social club and our members would drift away."

VERY PROUD
Imperial members are very proud of this project since the idea which they first suggested to the director of Halton Centennial Manor has now been picked up by the government and will be incorporated into all future senior citizen residences.

"We know there's an Imperials branch in Montreal," says Wright Smith, president of the Georgetown section, "but so far as we know there are no other Imperial sections in Ontario and we don't know about the rest of Canada."

The solution to their problem seemed to be to become a community service organization. Over the years their projects have included sponsoring soccer teams when soccer was first beginning in Georgetown, buying equipment for the Legion pipe band, donating to the hospital and the arena restoration fund, as well as sponsoring the Sunshine School near Hornby.

Their elimination draw and dinner is their big fund raiser but they also hold 50-50 draws and run a book exchange among members. The fall draw and dinner is drawing near but after that members says their next big even is a dinner for their wives where the men do all the cooking and serving and the women simply sit back and enjoy the service.

The Imperial Veterans Association began at the end of the First War to help British veterans get pensions and other veterans privileges which Canadian veterans were receiving. In 1927 a beginning was made on uniting the Canadian Legion and the Imperial Veterans Association. During the next two years negotiations were completed and the Imperials became members of the Canadian Legion with the right to have their own section in a branch to deal with veterans problems peculiar to their situation.

ADOPTED BOYS
Four years ago the section adopted two boys at the Graveston mental institution. Members go up to visit their boys four or five times a year to bring them small gifts and see that their bank accounts are up to the proper level so that they have pocket money. The boys are middle aged but have no other family and really appreciate their visits at Christmas, Easter, Halloween and birthdays, members say.



Branch 120
Imperial Section 1975

Speaker tells Institute of visit to Holy Land

Terra Cotta Women's Institute held its October meeting in the home of Mrs. George Frazer. Mrs. Norman News vice president welcomed members and guests.

Miss Isobel McMullen introduced to us our speaker Mr. Archie Campbell who talked and showed slides on his trip to Israel and the Holy Land.

The opening ode and Mary Stewart Collect was followed by Mrs. Art McKane giving a report of the Peel North board meeting held at Ingleswood.

Miss Eleanor Macdonald expressed the appreciation of the ladies to our hostess, speaker and all those that had contributed to the meeting.

The minutes and roll call "Bring, show and tell" proved most interesting. It was agreed to make a donation to the Peel Museum on Nov. 16 open night.

Lunch provided by Mrs. John Lyons, and Mrs. Norman News was served and a social time was spent.

The motto "He who cultivates a hobby owns an island of mental refuge" was well pre-

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CONCERNS

- Declining enrollment but with increased assessment.
- High cost of education and resulting high taxes.
- Back to basics and the discipline of core curriculum.
- Structured programs to ensure student mobility within the school system.
- Competition — minimum standards and goals.
- System should rest on accountability of everyone involved.
- Involvement of community in educational process.
- Discipline — Morality — Integrity — Physical Education

ISSUES

- Community use of schools.
- School facilities should be functional, not expensive.
- Add proven new methods, while retaining the best of the old.
- Expenditure of over \$6 million dollars for last year is highly questionable.
- Evaluation of administrative organization.
- Control of salary costs.

It's time to control the high cost of education

We have declining enrollment. We have a continuing increase in assessment which results in more tax dollars but no reduction in the mill rate. We cannot allow the cost of education and the increase in taxes to continue.

To create the best learning environment for the student, we must pay increasing attention to discipline, morality, integrity, and physical education.

To increase the quality of education we must set priorities. A first priority must be to see to it that our students attain higher levels of competence in the basics. Then use the time which gives the best cost — benefit to other programs such as physical education, special education, parenting, family counselling, drama, art, music, etc. We should avoid duplication and competition with other agencies. For those who do not excel in academic pursuits let us encourage them towards vocational and technical courses so that they will qualify for job opportunities which offer a good future. We should involve the community in the educational process in many ways. Work programmes for students for example, could be encouraged.

We need to evaluate our procedures in testing and examinations to ensure reasonable standards and goals, and to prepare the student for the competitive world. We should strive for more structured programs to ensure student mobility in the school system.

We need less experimentation with the students and the teachers. The needs of the students are now met to a certain level but we can always improve that level by constant evaluation and setting sensible priorities.

We should also evaluate our administrative organization and set priorities for what we really need and can afford. We must ensure that our school buses meet high safety standards and that schedules and routes are set to bring the most reasonable use and convenience to those who need this facility. Some very small children spend over an hour of travel each way every school day and carry their lunches. The parents of school children in Wards 1 and 2 give wonderful support to their schools and earn the grateful thanks of their community.

We should maintain and foster the community use of schools. But, we should not subsidize with education dollars municipal "parks and recreation" budgets which receive their own provincial grants. The board should re-assess past agreements and practices and make appropriate revisions to give the greatest benefit to the public.

Teacher negotiations should occur on a provincial level between the Provincial Teacher Federations and the Ministry of Education or their representatives. This would give equality of pay and working conditions throughout the province. It would also increase the opportunity to create a better working climate, increase communications, and reduce stress for both Boards and Staff. This would need provincial legislation.

It's time to get back to basics in Curriculum and Budgets

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These two bargain hunters got their money's worth at United Church Women's bazaar at St. Andrews United Church in Georgetown, on Saturday. Herald photo

Inland Publishing buying Dills chain

Doug Bassett, president of Inland Publishing Co. Ltd., is expected to announce today that he has bought the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. of Acton and the company's three newspapers, The Canadian Champion, Milton, The Independent, Georgetown and the Acton Free Press.

Although Jim Dills, one of the company's co-owners, would not confirm that the sale has been made, reliable sources within the company say the announcements was made to staff members of both companies last week.

Mr. Bassett joked with Herald reporters, that he had "tried to buy The Herald" but couldn't then snapped at another member of the press that "If I'm going to say anything I'll break it in my own newspapers first".

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