

Legion Lines

US branches greet Canadians

By ROMA TIMPSON
Hi everyone. Holidays are now over and it's back to work. Had an exceptionally good time in Florida (couldn't miss going away with Nellie Bell) and spent some time with Georgetowners Millie and Ray Duteburn and Harve and Jean Chappel, as well as former Georgetowners Edna and Jack Tindale (Dunedin) and Mary Findley (Bradenton).

It's always nice to go away but it's great to be back home. There are many nice things to say about Florida, but what we liked the best was their Sunday shopping, particularly their grocery stores.

We visited a Legion post while in St. Petersburg, two in fact. The first one, Branch 305, was not unlike going into someone's home. It had several tables and chairs and a fireplace off to one side and a horse-shoe shaped bar that you could pull up your chair to and sit around the bar and talk to everyone.

From the outside, it appeared very small for a legion, but we walked in and it had a very homey atmosphere and everyone was very friendly. They don't as a rule lock their doors as there are so many visitors every day (they open at 11 a.m.) They leave the door wide open. We signed a book when we entered and I noticed a signature above mine, Mr. and Mrs. Starrett of Branch 282, Thistletown.

I went over and introduced myself and found out they were former members of Mount Dennis branch and that Mr. Starrett's father, Charles, was born in Georgetown. In fact, the doctor they have in Thistletown is Doctor Ashenurst, father of the Doctor Ashenurst of our town.

Post 305 have 367 members with 140 ladies in their auxiliary. Average age of these vets were 60-65 range, they have a commander heading their branch.

Met a lovely lady, Jr. Vice Commander, Marie Kizer, who was most pleasant.

We compared notes re our auxiliary and theirs. Their

membership is \$14. They had a large framed R.C.L. crest on their wall and at one time also flew our flag but they kept getting stolen. Sounds familiar doesn't it?

We also visited another post, 14, just a few blocks from where we were staying. This was a much older post but every bit as friendly. Met several people who were Canadians in there but now retired and living in Florida. One couple we met are now living in Cambridge but lived for many years in Milton. They were Mary and Cuno Pozzobon and he used to belong to Milton branch, not it's No 272 Cambridge.

They have 900 members and, like Post 305, they don't have sons or daughters. Election day is very important to them and they go out and bring all members to their election that need assistance and it isn't uncommon to see rows and rows of wheelchair members attending. Both posts have a news letter and I notice in the corner where the stamp should be placed it says, Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage PAID, St. Petersburg, Fla. That's a good idea and would save it post a good chunk of money, especially with 900 members.

They had a sit down bar but with the high stools, bar steward was wearing a T-shirt with Post 14 on it.

One evening we went to a Veteran of Foreign Wars, Post 6827. We rang the bell and were warmly welcomed as "our Canadian friends" and asked many questions. Another horse shoe shaped bar with high stools stood in the middle of the room with seating for about 20. Off to one side they had two pool tables in continuous use and at 9 p.m. a dance was starting in another room. They also open at 11 a.m. to midnight and all posts open Sundays at 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

On their membership board it has a sign "Welcome to our Post, Up front of all the rest. Be a member TNT, Today Not Tomorrow." They certainly do make a visitor feel at home and gather around to ask and answer questions.

On another occasion we went to a Moose Lodge and were taken to the back of the Lodge to another round bar and spent a most pleasant few hours. Mainly a younger group and was surprised to see children in and out of the clubroom. This was a Saturday and we're told that Friday nights it was crowded with young children as it is "Family Night". They don't create any problem apparently and since the lodge is a family affair, they are as welcome as their parents. They had 230 members and 900 auxiliary.

In one of the post newsletters I found this poem.

A New Member's Thoughts
I see you at the meeting, but you never say hello,
You're busy all the time with members you already know,
I sit among the fellows still I am a lonely guy,
The new ones sit here with me, while you quickly pass me by,
But, gosh, you guys have asked us in, and you talk of comradeship.

You could just step across the room, but you've never made the trip.

Why can't you nod and say hello, or stop and shake my hand?

Then go and join your other friends, now, that I'd understand.

I'll be at your next meeting, on that you can depend.

So won't you introduce yourself, I want to be a friend.

Hopefully we are not guilty of this oversight with any of our new members.

Nice to see Mary and Ray Harley up and about after their accident. Hope you continue to improve. Others in hospital are Bruce Collins, Walter Louth, Bill Korzack, Tom Harlow, Roy Haley, D.F. Frawley, Harry Brown, Fred Hue. Sorry to hear about all of you not being 100 per cent, but we wish you well and hope you will be home soon.

We also send along our best wishes to all who may have come out of hospital and are recuperating at home plus all our other shut-ins. A card or a visit would be nice and would cheer our members up, folks. Jake saved me the local papers while I was away and browsing through them I see Marge Clarke, Tom Elliott and Karl Groschorn were awarded Certificates of Merit a few weeks ago. My congratulations to them for their contribution to Branch 120 and congratulations to all who received their service pins.

Sorry to have had to disappoint the 19 people who signed up for the Andros tour.

Another successful Ladies Elimination Dance by the Imperial Section was held last Saturday evening. Winners were Mrs. John MacKenzie \$10, Pauline McNeilly \$10, Nancy Hartwick \$10, Mrs. Dave Cook \$10, Marie Simpson \$25, Lynn McCorrie \$50 and \$200 was won by Mary Franks. A very good time was had by those who attended and they danced to a Toronto DJ and enjoyed a hot meal during the latter part of the evening. A larger crowd would have been nicer.



COLOR TV FOR KINCOURT

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, presented a color television to the residents of Kincourt last week. Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy was there for the presentation as Myrtle Doherty accepted the television on behalf of the residents from Shell Lawr and Irwin Lewis. (Herald photo)

Ballinafad News

WI has birthday party for Manor residents

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald correspondent

The U.C.W. met for their April meeting in the basement of the church. Mrs. Jamieson presided and Eileen Brown, being the hostess, welcomed the members as they arrived. The roll call was answered by a Bible verse on "hope". Martha Lewis gave an inspiring devotional. The business session then got underway with various items dealt with. The guest speaker of the evening was then introduced. Mr. Dorian was asked to give a talk on citizenship and immigration. He gave his listeners an interesting and informative talk which enlightened them on many facts. Helen Brown and Joyce Clarke assisted the hostesses with lunch.

Doris Ella entertained at her spacious new home on Wednesday evening April 16. It was in the form of a miscellaneous shower, the guest of honor being Heather Kirkwood, a bride-to-be of late May. Members of the Women's Institute, neighbours, relatives and friends were present to shower this well-known popular girl with a variety of beautiful and useful gifts. When the fun and excitement of opening all the beautifully wrapped gifts had ended, Heather thanked everyone for their kindness shown.

including the hostess Doris Ella and her helpers. A delicious lunch was served and a happy evening ended.

Achievement Day was a bit disappointing for the Ballinafad 4-H Homemaking Club last week as a number of the girls were off with either chicken-pox or measles. The few girls who were not stricken however, entertained their mothers and friends to a luncheon in the basement of the church. They served tasty dishes and relishes which they had learned to prepare with the help of leaders, Mrs. Slessoraitis and Shelly Wilson. They are to be congratulated on the good job they made when they were so few in number.

Members of the Ballinafad W.I. joined in with Silverwood branch to put on a birthday party for the residents of Halton Manor who had April for their birthday month. Ballinafad was asked to put on the program and as usual came up with some excellent numbers all from local talent. By the applause given the audience enjoyed them immensely. The other one visiting W.I. supplied lunch and gifts with all W.I. members helping to serve. It was a happy occasion for everyone attending.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Lloyd Buckrell is recuperating at his home after a short stay in hospital where he underwent surgery last week.

The Sixth Line neighbors met at the home of Lloyd McLean on Saturday night for a get-together and farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery who are leaving the neighborhood after residing on their sixth line farm for many years. Grace and Jesse received a beautiful lamp and a clock as parting gifts from their neighbors. Although they will no longer be farming on the sixth line, they will still be in the community and we hope can still take part in community affairs, as their new home will be in the nearby town of Aton. We wish this esteemed couple much future happiness in their retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith have returned home from a week spent in Calgary. They accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Charles Burt when the three attended the graduation of Sharon Burt, who has been attending Baptist Leaders Training School for the past eight months. She received two awards, one for leadership and the other for citizenship.

The ladies' choir made their debut on Sunday at the church services. They were very good as they sang the anthem "As Comes The Breath of Spring".

ON THE HOMEFRONT

Supper time's microscopic monsters

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS
Herald columnist

My life appears to be one long game of Russian Roulette and, for some mysterious reason, I always seems to finish up with the loaded chamber at my head.

When my eldest daughter, Louisa, requested a microscope for Christmas, no matter how hard I tried, I could not foresee any potential danger. After careful consideration I concluded she could not blow up the house, start a fire, maim anyone or destroy the house plants with such an instrument. In fact, so my naive reasoning went, it could possibly be entertaining and might even prove educational.

Well, educational it has been. So educational that none of us are eating any more. Everything edible has been tested by my daughter, bless her little heart, and has proven to be contaminated. Strangely enough, cookies and potato chips are apparently quite safe.

I no sooner place dinner on the table, than the microscope makes its dreaded appearance. Screams of horror greet every slide.

"You can't eat that, it's positively crawling!" she gasps.

What am I supposed to do? Give it to them frozen? Having become addicted to eating at least once a day for some years now, I haven't the courage to look into the microscope myself. I can only surmise that if I have survived this far, maybe the fates are with me. After all, how contaminated can macaroni get?

KNOW WHERE
At least I know where the strange noises come from in an otherwise silent house. It is obviously from all the lively little microbes inhabiting those packages, boxes and bags on my kitchen shelves and, according to Louisa's verdict on cheese, my refrigerator is positively humming with barely suppressed activity.

Food is not the only hazard to suddenly enter our lives, there are also the cultures she is encouraging. Rows of small containers adorn her desk, arousing dreadful suspicions in my mind. However, for any mother there are certain occasions when ignorance is bliss and this is definitely one area where complete and total ignorance appears to be advisable.

I do know that shrimp eggs came with the microscope and I wake up nightly, in a cold sweat, visualizing enormous, grotesque, mutant shrimps, slithering down the night darkened hallway toward me.

Why, oh why, didn't I get her something simple for Christmas? Skates maybe, or a wrist watch. Now I don't know whether to merely declare her bedroom condemned, or wait for the inevitable moment when the board of health puts this household out of business permanently.

After the descriptive report Louisa gave me on our drinking water however, I can only be thankful that I switched to wine years ago. That is one substance, by the way, that is never going to be allowed under her microscope.

Ping pong tournament was fun for all

By JANETH HODGE
Herald Special

The Norval ping pong club held its annual tournament April 12 with 20 juniors and 12 seniors taking part in singles and doubles competition.

It was just a great day, raining outside while everyone enjoyed themselves inside with some outstanding matches taking place.

Jamie Cunningham, in charge of the day's events, would like to extend his thanks to all who participated and helped in many ways. Also a special thanks goes out to all the mothers who helped in the booth and to our club member Corrine Jollimore and a good friend of hers Val Keslick for patrolling the booth all day.

The winners in the junior singles saw Georgie Adams reign as champ with Phil Wickens second. Andrew Brown defeated Steve Doucette in a tremendous 2-1 match to win the third place trophy.

In the junior doubles, Phil Wickens and Colin Davenport defeated Steve Smith and Georgie Adams for first and second place trophies.

The winners in the senior singles went to Bob Watts first, Bruce Cunningham second, and Jane Ovendon defeating Randy Doucette for the third place trophy.

In the senior doubles John Wiener and Les Swift took top honors with Jane Ovendon and Asthmine Solinka coming in second.

Tom O'Brien coming in fifth

Plans are well underway for Victoria Day celebrations to be held May 19. A pleasant day is expected by all. We hope all the villagers join the youngsters in the parade. We are also hopeful that everyone attending will be dressed in old-fashioned clothing and carrying a flag of their ethnic background.

Anyone wishing to enter floats, tractors, bicycles, trikes, trucks, or in being a clown please contact the chairwoman for the parade, Jane Hodge at 877-3666.

Salvation Army forms new district

The Salvation Army Family Services has announced that the Georgetown area will, in future, be serviced as part of the North Halton District.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Lorne Pritchett of the Acton Corps of the Salvation Army have assumed responsibility for the Family and Social Services in

North Halton and will also conduct the 1980 Red Shield Appeal.

This new arrangement will provide the region with a local service unit. During the transition period, Brigadier Honeychurch has indicated that there will be support for the new unit until it is well established.

CLERGY COMMENT

Do not miss life's meaning

IMMEDIATE LIVING
By Rev. John De Jong
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In Paul's letter to the Ephesians we read: Make the most of your time, because the days are evil (5:16).

We can latch onto these words. The special sale sheet says, Bargain days are here, buy now! Our calendars are full: work, recreation, gardening, community activities, sports, meetings, social invitations. We seem to make the most of the time alright. We are very busy people.

The word in Scripture points to a different meaning. Do not miss the point of living. God should be the Lord in our lives. Is there worship to Him in your family, or in your personal life? Is your place vacant in your church? The point of living is to have a life for God the Lord, a life in which Jesus Christ is trusted, praised and served.

Perhaps you are a very successful person. You have a good income and you enjoy the good things in life. You are proud of what you have done and what you still do. People in the neighbourhood can count on you. But, you may still be missing out on the real point of living, namely a life of service to the Lord Jesus Christ. Start making the most of your time! Do it now!

Again you may not be very successful. Perhaps you are looking for a job. The mortgage is up for renewal. Times are tough on you and your family. It affects your marriage or your family. Stress and unhappiness have come. God the Lord is there to make your life meaningful, hopeful and very worthwhile under these trying circumstances and experiences. Through faith you can be a person of hope and of help.

Make the most of the time, because the days are evil, wrote Paul, the apostle to the Lord. Back there in Bible times, the days were said to be evil. They are still so today because we live in a world of sin, rejection and many imperfections. This fact causes many people to be selfish, greedy, but also hopeless and defeatist. The Book of books says: Christ is our life. Life can begin now - Living for Jesus, that is.

Scouts pass their exam in emergency first aid

By MRS. F. HANNAH
Herald Special

After studying and practising first aid for two weeks, all of the Scouts in the Limehouse Troop have passed their emergency first aid. Congratulations on a job well done, boys.

This past weekend they spent their time cleaning up some property near Erin. It is a big job they had undertaken. In the process of the cleaning up, one boy had to be taken to the hospital for stitches in his leg but he immediately went back to the clean-up when the hospital had finished with him.

The money earned from this job will help send the boys to the Canadian Jamboree in Alberta next summer (1981). They hope to find more jobs when they finish this one.

The Cubs spent their Saturday last weekend planting trees in the annual Trees for Canada conservation program. They collected pledges from friends and neighbors for planting 25 trees each, but they all planted at least 50 trees each.

The planting site this year for Limehouse and the six Georgetown groups was at the

Golden Circle School near Colton, where they planted 8,000 trees. After the planting, the Limehouse boys enjoyed packed lunches by the Credit River, where they had fun catching crayfish, and then hiked along the river to the Cataract falls. All 10 boys and four adults who took part in the day's events had a great time and one of the most hilarious sights was watching one of the parents slide back down the hill on her stomach, but she did stop when she grabbed a passing tree and only ended up with a sore shoulder and a scrape on her leg.

We are grateful to the parents and leaders who helped Saturday; there were 10 adults who came with the 13 Cubs.

Jason Sharples has now earned the Tawny Star and Alan Scott has earned his Artist badge.

Last euchre series held on Thursday

By MRS. A.W. BENTON
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The final euchre in the series of marathons was held in Limehouse Memorial Hall Thursday evening.

Winners were ladies high Jean Anderson and Ethel King for lone hands. Apologies go to Vi Hewitt, who should have received a lone hand prize. Men winners were Char-

lie Thompson, high, and Robert Foster and Ron Latimer for lone hands.

The marathon total winners were Muriel Miller, first, Lorene Sanford, second, and Jean Anderson, lone hands for women. Ian McDonald was first for men, Phil Landry second and Ron Latimer for lone hands.



HAPPY FIFTIETH

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ware celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday at St. Alban's Church in Acton. Mrs. Ware has been an Acton resident all her life while Mr. Ware has lived in Acton since he married her 50 years ago. (Herald photo)