

Legion Notes

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Sports: Last week the Legion team won the Industrial Softball League Championship by winning the play-off against O.S.P. Steelers. Good show!

'The Darts' starts! Yes indeed, the Industrial Dart League under President Stan Elvidge and Treasurer John Kenney began its 1964-65 season. This ought to keep the Basement Clubrooms thronged by eager dart-tossers every Wednesday evening from now till next spring.

Branch: Well, it was one of those 'really big' weekends. Saturday dawned cloudy and dark, and complicated by Acton and Brampton Fall Fairs. However, by afternoon, the sun was shining and 200 'boys of the old brigade' were on hand at Brampton Legion Hall. Led by the Pipes and Drums of the Lorne Scots, they parade to the Cenotaph for a ceremony marking the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of World War I, then returned to Brampton Legion for the Zone B7 World War I Veterans Ban-

quet in their honor. It was a wonderful event, well planned and executed, which reflects much credit on the group which sponsors it (including our own Bill Ferguson and Roy McDowell). Branch 136 member Bill Boyd was master of ceremonies, (we're going to miss Bill sorely as he is transferred to Chatham). It was a treat to see the older vets enjoying their reunion so intensely. We hear that some of them just hated to call it a day; eventually they found the OPP, crying "Lights Out" in benevolent tones.

Then Sunday was Decoration Day in Evergreen Cemetery. Again the Lorne Scots pipers led a long parade. As this day was also "Battle of Britain" Sunday (the 24th anniversary of the day Hitler's Luftwaffe suffered such heavy losses that they gave up the idea and turned to other matters) which proved to be a turning point in World War II, we were joined by a wing of Air Cadets from Hamilton, complete with Bugle Band, numbering about 100. Padre J. Lorne Graham was superb in his competence and awareness of the background in the services at the Cenotaph and in Evergreen Cemetery. Color parties from Branch 136 and our Ladies' Auxiliary attended on both days. Photographs were taken by Charlie Heath (Zone Public Relations Officer), Fred Sargent, and yours truly, not to mention Roy Downs of The Champion staff.

Coming Events
Saturday, Sept. 26: Fall Frolic at the Legion Hall in the Main Floor Ballroom. Those in the mood for dancing will be welcomed at the Zone B7 Corn Roast in Huttonville Park.

Saturday, Oct. 3: 164th Battalion Reunion in Acton Legion Hall 5 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8: Organization meeting of the Milton Brigade of the St. John's Ambulance Association in the Third Floor Salon 8 p.m.
All those concerned, give ear and take heed. Read, absorb and inwardly digest. And stick around it promises to be another big week.



FIRST WAR VETERANS from Milton and district had a grand time Saturday, when the Zone Legion branches sponsored a get-together reunion dinner at Brampton Armouries to honor the "old sweats" from the war that started 50 years ago. Shown chatting about it are R. M. Clements, a Boer and first World War veteran, Milton Legion President Bill Ferguson, and William Wylie of Halton Manor, another of the veterans from this area who attended.

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