

Legion Notes

by Charles Scott



Recreation Director Reports

More Than Summer Program Needed

"Milton has started to recognize the value of recreation, but far more than a summer program is needed, if the town intends to provide all the recreational opportunities desired," summer recreation director Bob Small reports.

Before returning to the University of Guelph, Mr. Small submitted summer - end reports to the Milton Recreation Committee and made several recommendations, which if accepted, could step up the town's recreational program considerably.

"A full time director of recreation and parks should be hired to co-ordinate all recreational activities," Mr. Small suggested. He also recommended a community centre should be made available to all citizens. He hinted, "eventually you will find that if this need is not met, juvenile delinquency will increase."



BOB SMALL
Summer Rec. Director

Grants Available
"The various groups and committees sponsoring recreational organizations should present to the Recreation Committee an accurate account of their operations so that advantage can be taken of available provincial grants," his report continued.

Suggestions for a winter program included the continuing of the Teen Club which got off to an excellent start this summer; the establishment of a craft program for both boys and girls between the ages of six and 12 on Saturday mornings; and the setting up of an outdoor rink for skating and tin can curling.

Throughout the summer Mr. Small conducted a comprehensive and very successful program which included activities at the swimming pool, the organization of the new Teen Club which now has 80 members, a program of tennis instruction three times a week, a leaders-in-training program which should provide three qualified leaders for next year's summer playgrounds, a successful four week day camp and the playground program.

Attendance was up in every phase of the program this year and playground attendance soared to three times the figure of 1964. The swimming pool, under the direction of pool manager Richard Randell was used by nearly 11,500 adults and children during the months of July and August.

One of the major improvements at the swimming pool which Mr. Small suggests is the installation of a water heater which would keep the pool temperature between 72 and 78 degrees Fahrenheit at all times. Water temperatures dipped as low as 58 during the summer and it was nearly impossible to make full use of the pool.

"Youth Saves the Day"

Students Accept Summer Jobs

"Youth saves the day" was of ten the case this past summer at the area National Employment Service office in Oakville, manager Miss E. Hartwell reports.

Countless times, in response to employers' demands for labor, the only suitable applicants available were the University and High School students of this community. In this period of labor shortage employers were quick to appreciate the value of these eager, intelligent young people in meeting their temporary labor needs. The students, in turn gave a good account of themselves on the job as many employers attested, and besides earning much - needed funds to meet school fees and expenses, gained invaluable experience in the working world, she explained.

A concentrated effort by the National Employment office to help students find summer employment proved largely successful, especially with regard to the 103 male university students who were registered.

Of the some 700 high school students registered, over 50 per cent were helped in obtaining their own personal contacts.

The greatest difficulty encountered was in obtaining openings for female students. Limited opportunities were available for these young ladies, and it is hoped that in future years, employers will not overlook their usefulness in filling temporary vacancies, Miss Hartwell suggested.

Youth also played an important part in meeting employers' demands for permanent workers. High school graduates were, on the whole, quickly absorbed by local industry but the need for good technical, academic and commercial graduates still exists.

BASIL SMITH
It is with profound regret I have to announce the passing of Comrade Alan Basil Smith on Sunday, September 5, at the age of 75.

Basil was one of our older and most esteemed members.

Arriving from England in 1913 he took a position in Toronto with what is now known as the TTC and later, during World War I enlisted and served overseas with the 3rd Canadian Infantry. At the end of hostilities Basil returned to Canada and in 1933 went to work on the farm of Norman Maxwell, of Milton, where he stayed for 25 years.

He was a well-known figure in Legion circles, and although he died without relatives, he had plenty of friends.

Funeral arrangements were in the hands of Legion President W. E. Ferguson and Past President Lorne Evans. At a service in the funeral home, a large number of Legion members and friends gathered and paid their respects to a fine old gentleman. On Wednesday, September 8, he was accorded a Legion funeral and interred in the Milton cemetery. Basil's presence will be missed for a long time to come.

IMPROMPTU ENTERTAINMENT
Occasionally when we are lucky enough to have Bus Thompson turn up with his guitar, the boys gather around for a sing-song. On a recent Friday night at such "do" we were pleased to have the company of Reg Marshall. Reg isn't exactly one of the "young 'uns" but he sure can sing with the best of them and with a very strong voice. I wish he could manage to visit us more frequently.

Zone Church Parade
Members wishing to attend the Zone church parade in Oakville on Sunday next, September 26, are requested to meet at the Legion Hall at 12.45 p.m. Medals will be worn.

LADIES' AUXILIARY
The ladies seem to be back in business again after the summer vacation. The first General Meeting was held on Thursday evening, September 2. A new member, May Jeffreys, was installed at this meeting.

There seems to be a demand for the forming of a ladies' dart team and to get things going, a darts meeting for this purpose will be held on Thursday evening, September 30 at 8 p.m. Any lady interested may attend.

Girls, why not a shuffleboard team too? I have seen you play lots of times.

DECORATION DAY
At the Branch General Meeting on Monday, September 13, it was decided for various reasons to change the date of Decoration Day Parade from Sun. Sept. 26 to Sun., October 3. Parade call will be at 1.30 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Decorations may be worn and all veterans are invited to be on parade.

Sick Board
Comrade Bill Riddell is hospitalized and he is the lone name on the list this week.

Out of a total of 18 games played, our branch shuffleboard team only lost two and came out winners of the Woodstock Third Annual Invitational. The tournament was played last Saturday, September 18, in Woodstock and the following were the team members: Don Murdoff, Bob White, Jim Smith, Cliff Taylor, Dermot Gildea and Martin Rigo.

COUPLES CLUB
At a meeting of the above Club on Wednesday, September 1, discussion centred around more entertainment for patrons in the coming year and as a result, plans are in hand for the provision of live music and other diversions. It is too soon yet to disclose any of these arrangements, but I am confident that in the coming season this free Saturday night social function will become one of the main attractions of the week. Watch this column for further details.

The Couples Club will hold their first monthly dance of the season on Saturday, September 25, when it is hoped a large number will attend. If you have not already been approached to buy a ticket, they are available from the steward in the clubroom at the nominal cost of one dollar per couple. Tiny Hopkins' band has been engaged for this one.

BINGO LUCK
Operation of the Tuesday night Bingo games has now reverted to the Ladies' Auxiliary and we wish them every success and also thank them for the opportunity given us to carry on these games during their summer recess. Incidentally, I think it is interesting to note that the winner of the jackpot (\$135) was Mrs. Audrey Kingdon, R.R. 4, Milton. I understand that this is the second time in a row in which Mrs. Kingdon has won the jackpot in the Legion Hall Bingo. How lucky can you get?

Out of all the lucky charms I have seen on display at the bingo I wonder which one she uses: wishbone, rabbit's foot, four-leaf clover, or just plain old fingers crossed?

SUPPORT FOR BRAMALEA
Five members of the Branch bought tickets for a stag dinner and elimination draw held in Brampton Legion Hall and in support of the fund-raising campaign of the new branch at Bramalea. The members concerned were Bill Ferguson, Bruce Dignan, Bob Krantz, Al Skinner and myself, and we had a very entertaining evening.

On the invitation of Oshawa, Branch 43, the following members travelled to Oshawa and played darts: Fred Johnson, John Kennedy, Bob Eggleston and Angus McLeod. Eleven games

Present Life Membership Pin To Missionary Society Member

The regular meeting of Knox Church Evening Department of the W.M.S. was held on Tuesday, September 14 at the home of Mrs. W. G. Johnson.

Mrs. Marshall opened the meeting with a call to worship "Adventuring with God". The hymn "Rise Up O Men of God" was sung, followed by The Lord's Prayer in unison. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Elliott who spoke about prayer, stressing that we should train ourselves to pray regularly. It is a way not only of asking for strength and guidance but also a way of giving thanks when our hearts are full. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" brought the devotions to a close.

Traces History
The study book was taken by Mrs. Mackay who chose the topic "Organization Story of the W.M.S." tracing its history from 1864 to the present. The first group met in Montreal to assist in the work of the church and especially to help with the French in Canada. Its motto was "Thy Kingdom Come". In 1876 the name was changed to Women's Foreign Missionary Society and its aim was to have an Auxiliary and a Missionary Band in every congregation. The Motto "The World for

Christ" was adopted in 1914 when the W.F.M.S. and the W.H.M.S. amalgamated, to become the W.M.S. known today.

In spite of its glorious achievements, members were reminded that they cannot rest on the past but must press on with faith and vigour.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Life Membership certificate and pin to Mrs. Harold Magee, a past president and esteemed member. The presentation was made by Mrs. Mackay assisted by Mrs. Marshall. Mrs. Magee expressed her appreciation and assured all of her warm interest in the work of the W.M.S.

The various reports were read and adopted, after which members had a chance to see Christmas card samples and to leave their orders for these. It was decided that the group would once again undertake to sell the church calendars for 1966, subject to the approval of the Session.

The offering was received and dedicated. The hymn "Forth in Thy Name" and the Mizpah Benediction brought the meeting to a close. A social hour followed and Mrs. Johnson was assisted by Mrs. MacDougall.

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