

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
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The next pilgrimage to Holland will take place May 2, of this year. Because of the gratifying response to date regarding the May flight, the Legion and the Netherlands War Graves Committee are making tentative plans for a second 1965 pilgrimage, leaving Montreal September 16 and returning September 25. The pilgrimage will be based at Nijmegen. During the eight day stay there will be two days during which pilgrims would be free to pursue a particular interest. All transportation, meals and accommodation in Holland are taken care of through the generosity of the Dutch people.

The flight will accommodate 140 passengers on a jet aircraft and the cost of air passage, Montreal to Amsterdam and return, will be \$205. If there is sufficient demand for accommodation, the Legion will be in a position to secure the charter. This must be done early this year. Those interested should apply no later than January 31. Eligible to apply are direct relatives of war dead buried in Holland. Up to four members of one family may apply and this number includes the husbands or wives of direct relatives provided they accompany their spouses. The Netherlands War Graves Committee will undertake the usual arrangements for visits to the graves regardless of pilgrims' base or location of the graves in Holland. Over the years, relatives have moved from known addresses and cannot be located.

To ensure that these opportunities are made known to those eligible, the Legion would appreciate our readers' help in publicizing these pilgrimages and seeking out any persons who might require assistance.

At sunset on an evening not far off, in all the ships and shore establishments of the navy, a battle Ensign will be lowered for the last time. The following morning at colours, a new flag will arise to effectively distinguish the Canadian Fleet from all other Commonwealth Navies. A recent national Defence Department order stating the White Ensign must be replaced with the new Canadian flag has brought dismay to many veterans, ratings and vice-admirals.

MARKHAM: Because of great public interest among ratepayers in police matters, this year's police committee will include all members of council under the chairmanship of Deputy-reeve Laidlaw.

York Central Teachers Active In Professional Development

York Central high school teachers were represented at the December 28, 29 and 30 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation by Joseph A. Turko, head of the modern languages department at Thornhill Secondary School who was a delegate from district 31 of the federation.

Mr. Turko spoke to a motion forwarded by the York-Simcoe district dealing with a proposal to foster professional development of Ontario secondary school teachers through seminars, lectures and demonstration classes such as have been held in the York Central system for the past two years.

The motion proposed a levy of \$10 per member (which would raise around \$200,000) to finance these activities. In York Central the seminars for teachers and students have been financed by the high school board and by the teachers themselves.

However, prior to the presentation of the York-Simcoe proposal, a motion of the provincial executive of the federation was made to set up an Ontario Secondary Education Commission of five members to "initiate, stimulate, direct and co-ordinate OSSTF activities in the field of educational studies". The commission would be financed from the \$150,000 reserves of the federation and will receive an additional \$25,000.

The motion to set up such a commission was approved by the convention and York-Simcoe's proposal was de-

feated although it was felt that the type of activities it suggested might well fall within the scope of the new commission.

Methods of combatting teacher fatigue and avoidance of poor teaching because of lack of sufficient preparation time were dealt with by the Quality Teaching Committee. This committee brought in recommendations dealing with the size of classes, the number of periods to be taught each week, the number of courses which should be taught per day, the question of office accommodation for departmental heads, the pupil-secretary ratio, office space facilities and the appointment of assistant heads in larger schools.

Mr. Turko termed the convention as a whole "a soul searching process" and stated that he was much impressed by the obvious sincerity and the responsibility of those attending the convention and on the emphasis on better communication between teachers and students and on professional development.

Salaries were scarcely discussed and instead it was emphasized that the way to higher pay brackets was through improved qualifications. "No teacher in these times can afford to stop learning and improving his competence," stated James Russell of Hamilton in reporting for the salary committee.

The OSSTF has played an active part in professional development and since 1958

has spent \$60,000 per year, subsidizing summer university courses to help teachers upgrade their qualifications by getting an honor BA.

Previously this had not been possible, short of enrolling again for a four year honor university course. The OSSTF convinced the authorities at Waterloo University that this was possible however and the courses were pioneered there. Since that time, they have been made available at other universities and it is now possible for teachers to get an honor degree in virtually any specialty.

That York Central has been extremely active in the field of professional development is borne out not only by the fact that large numbers of its teachers have taken summer courses, but many of them have been teaching them.

Last summer Principal John Kippen of Bayview Secondary taught a grade 13 refresher course for secondary school teachers at Lawrence Park Collegiate. This course

was completely financed and sponsored by the OSSTF. Miss Ruth Kinsella head of the guidance department at Bayview taught counselling for the interim guidance certificate at York University in a course sponsored by the Department of Education.

Five teachers from Langstaff Secondary taught summer courses last year. Douglas Frame taught English in the practice school associated with the OCE summer school; Maryanna Nicholson taught music for the Department of Education; Walter Pitman lectured in history to teachers at OCE; George Quinn taught geography to the practice teaching classes at OCE and his methods were observed by the summer students; George Domina, York Central's master teacher of science lectured to teachers at Queen's University.

Six Thornhill teachers were also busy teaching during the summer. John Dunlop taught grade 13 trigonometry, V. Pitkanen history and Mr. Turko taught grade 13 French to public school

teachers who were without grade 13 and wished to improve their qualifications. These courses were sponsored by the Department of Education.

Barbara Rowe of Thornhill taught merchandising at OCE and Robert Templeton taught shop methods there. Mr. E. Totten, York Central master math teacher taught a course on the new grade 11 mathematics at Waterloo University.

From Woodbridge, Mrs. E. Taube lectured on English at the OCE summer course.

Even the York Central administrative staff took part in the flood of professional development activities. Superintendent S. L. G. Chapman taught a course in school management and law at Queen's University.

York Central has had recognition for its accomplishments in this direction in that several of its teachers have been appointed as critic teachers and have had students from the Ontario College of Education observing and teaching in their classes.

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- 1/2 cup peach syrup

Combine sausage, onion, bread crumbs, egg and seasonings. Form into ten balls. Bake in shallow pan in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 25 minutes. Remove from oven. Drain off fat. Drain peach halves and stud with 4-6 cloves. Place a sausage ball on top of each peach half. Add syrup and return to oven for 20 minutes, basting with syrup.

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Neighborhood Notes

Lynn Squires and Arlene Wells of Willowdale spent part of their Christmas vacation with Lynn's grandmother, Mrs. R. Challener.

The Monday Neters started the new year with an enjoyable evening of cards and chatter at the home of Mrs. Wm. Bell last week. The prize winners were Mrs. S. Leno, Mrs. T. Gamble, Mrs. A. McFee and Mrs. Ron Browne.

The Elgin Mills-Jefferson Hospital Auxiliary will meet next Wednesday morning, January 20th, at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. A. Terry.

A speedy recovery to all the youngsters at home this week with mumps and measles.

Mrs. Roy Bell's many friends in the district will be happy to know that she has sold their farm at Woodville and will be staying with her brother, Mr. Carl Courtney, in Oakville for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry, Miss F. Peterson and Miss M. Laing

were guests of the Terrys on Saturday for dinner.

Mrs. T. Dick, Brookside Road, is a patient at the York Central Hospital and her friends all wish her a speedy recovery.

The sympathy of the district goes to the family of the late Mr. S. Mashinter, a long time resident of Bathurst Street, who passed away recently.

The mothers' auxiliary of the 1st Jefferson Cubs and Scouts will meet on Wednesday, January 20th at 8.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. Costoff, Yonge Street.

A speedy recovery to Miss Debbie Corkin who has been a patient at York Central Hospital.

St. John's Church News

The Rev. Tony Capon, general secretary of Scripture Union in Canada, was the guest preacher last Sunday morning.

Koinonia will be meeting this month at St. Clement's, Riverdale, on January 16.

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Ronalds-Federated Ltd., Montreal, operates one of the largest and oldest printing and lithographing businesses in Canada according to a December issue of The Financial Post. In 1954 a wholly owned subsidiary, Ronalds Lithographers & Printers Ltd., commenced operations in Toronto and in 1965 the company's third plant will be brought into operation in Richmond Hill. Estimated cost of the local plant is \$2.5 million. The company prints more than 30 million magazines annually. This includes the entire Canadian edition of Time Magazine each week and of Reader's Digest each month. It also prints about seven million telephone directories a year for more than 40 communities in Quebec and Ontario as well as three million paper back books annually for national distribution.

Net profit of Ronalds-Federated Ltd., Montreal for the eight months to September 30, 1964 was reported by The Financial Post to be \$341,217. This compares with \$526,630 in the fiscal year ending January 31, 1964 and \$444,020 in the previous fiscal year. The secondary distribution of 470,000 common shares at \$11 per share was completed during the year. All of the shares re-distributed were bought from shareholders for \$4,794,000 with the greatest percentage coming from the Ronald family. In the last three fiscal years, dividends of 25c, 50c and \$1 per common share respectively were paid. Management intends to declare and pay regular quarterly dividends of 50c per common share.

Outstanding capitalization at December 31, 1964 was 595,600 common shares, \$1,050,000 6% sinking fund bonds, series A and \$570,775 5% unsecured debentures, both due November 1, 1977. An additional \$1.5 million first mortgage bonds may be issued under the trust deed securing the series A bonds.

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