



## Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
By Eric Chapman - 884-0045

Two weeks ago Legion branch 147, Barrie, invited all members of 375 to their annual June ball. The members of our branch who accepted the invitation were given a welcome they will long remember.

Branch 147 is headquartered in what used to be the bus terminal at "five points", Barrie. The interior, while not being as new as our own branch, has been remodelled and is well laid out. The first thing one notices are the five dartboards. The fact that we have only three would indicate a wealth of darts enthusiasts in the Barrie area. They also have a shuffleboard, and a winding staircase that leads down into a basement banquet hall. An adjoining kitchen, half the size of our clubroom, has a cafeteria type serving hatch along the length of one wall.

That Saturday evening in the decorated hall a band played music in which banjos were harmoniously dominant. The banjos suggested the theme of "Never on a Sunday" would be forthcoming at any moment — it would have been fitting, but they didn't play it. Many flowers surrounding the stage and the hanging from the walls gave the impression of being imitation flora, but towards midnight they began to wither.

In contrast to our own new, and still growing membership, the hundred odd people at the ball knew each other well. If a family ever consisted of so many, then this was a family.

Every time the band stopped playing there were introductions made "Ed Sullivan" style. Announcements of birthdays, births, anniversaries, comings and goings — each and all received much applause. Prizes were awarded, and when President Frank Barrott drew a ticket — his own, to win a prize, the only cry of "fix" came from a member of 375. Frank promptly donated it to a young member of 147, Dirk Bogarde, as he was so aptly named by one.

When the music ended finally and the first minute of a Sunday morning arrived, everyone sat down to a plate of food and cups of coffee. The Chinese food served by the ladies' auxiliary in cafeteria goodly portions left some business-minded visitors wondering how this could be managed with an admission fee of \$1.25 per person.

One thing that stood out about our northern comrades was their friendliness, and the applause was loud when our president asked if there was anyone present interested in coming to Richmond Hill. President Finlay McGibbon of the Barrie branch then accepted a formal invitation extended to all 147 members to attend a dance at Legion Court, sometime in September. He said that it would also afford him an opportunity to pay a surprise visit to his uncle, Norman McGibbon of Yonge Street, Richmond Hill.

When the visitors left Barrie many people were making plans. If plans mature, a chartered bus will arrive in the Hill around the third week of September containing some friends of a not so small district branch. Those that come will bring with them a spirit which is prevalent in all the older branches of the Legion. They will of course be visiting the largest branch in the district, and they may depart leaving our up and coming branch with a fair idea of the spirit of comradeship that exists in this national Legion of ours.

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Dominion day, for the branch fishing trip entourage to Glen Haffy, was full of dust. Seven cars and two panel trucks set out early and finally converged at a point about two miles south of Highway 9 on what is officially known as 3rd line, Albion Township. Some drivers will say it took a lot of converging. For some the drive south from a paved road and onto the third line, a narrow, rough and stony trail was an endurance test. To be in the first of six cars proceeding in procession along such a road was certainly a privilege, the cars behind bearing the full brunt of the dust-storm.

The children, up early and eager to go, sat patiently sweating in the heat of the closed trucks and took everything as a matter of course, as children do without a murmur.

The little white brick house, signifying the point of entry into Glen Haffy, turned out to be a big white clapboard house, and this was the reason given for proceeding south on a class Z road almost to Woodbridge. There was an about turn after six miles and the happy wanderers wended their way back to the place of paradise for fishermen.

Unfortunately the gate was padlocked, and when the conservation area superintendent finally arrived he asked for the permit. There was no permit. "No permit," said the man in green, "No get in." And all the Legion horses and all the Legion men could not persuade him to open the gate. So some went back along the now even dustier trail and headed for home, and the children sat patiently, as children do, without a murmur.

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## Supervised Study Periods Beneficial

By JIM IRVING

Civic leaders, who are worried about how to keep the younger generation occupied during long winter evenings, can now put their minds to other worries.

For if an experiment conducted at Walter Scott Public School last February and March is any criterion, the children are quite content to spend their time at their books.

In fact, according to John Wheeler, grade eight teacher at the school, who conducted the experiment, the children wouldn't even mind paying for the privilege.

This happy state of affairs was revealed at the regular meeting of the town public school board held Thursday of last week in which Mr. Wheeler described the experiment, and his subsequent thesis—"The Effects of Supervised Study on Examination Results."

Selecting pupils on the basis of their age, marks, grade and sex, Mr. Wheeler chose 24 of them for the four-nights-a-week, six week course.

The classes were held at Walter Scott from 6.30 to 8.30 pm, and consisted of the pupils first doing their

homework and then using the remaining time for studying. Their progress was compared with students doing the same work at home.

Although the academic success of the experiment will not be completely known until the results of the final examinations are released, Mr. Wheeler said its success was evident in other ways.

Like the postmen of New York, neither rain, hall, sleet, snow, and in this case, hockey games, kept the students from their appointed task.

While practically all Richmond Hill came to a standstill during the paralyzing snowstorm February 25, the children insisted that the class go on, Mr. Wheeler said.

"They did better than we did," said Chairman Walter Hutchinson, recalling that the board cancelled its meeting that evening.

The pupils were on time for every class, and refrained from watching the clock once they were there; several of them gave up their hockey nights to attend the class, or fitted the games to their schedules; they worked harder and found that, where it took them sometimes four

hours to do their lessons at home, they completed their work with ease in the supervised study periods.

Students who couldn't be "matched" for the classes, were disappointed, Mr. Wheeler said, and those who attended "were eager for exams after six weeks."

Perhaps the most convincing tribute, Mr. Wheeler said, came when the pupils asked him to continue the classes at the end of the six weeks. When he informed them that he thought they had gone on long enough, the students came up with a proposition: they would pay him 25 cents each a week if he would continue to have them.

Mr. Wheeler said that all but one of the pupils thought the classes had been beneficial, and all the parents were convinced of their efficacy.

So far as actual figures were concerned, the experiment showed that the study group gained an average of 2.63 percentile points per subject per pupil, while the other group showed an average of -4.66 percentile points, leading to the conclusion that studying could raise a pupil's marks 7.29 percentile points.

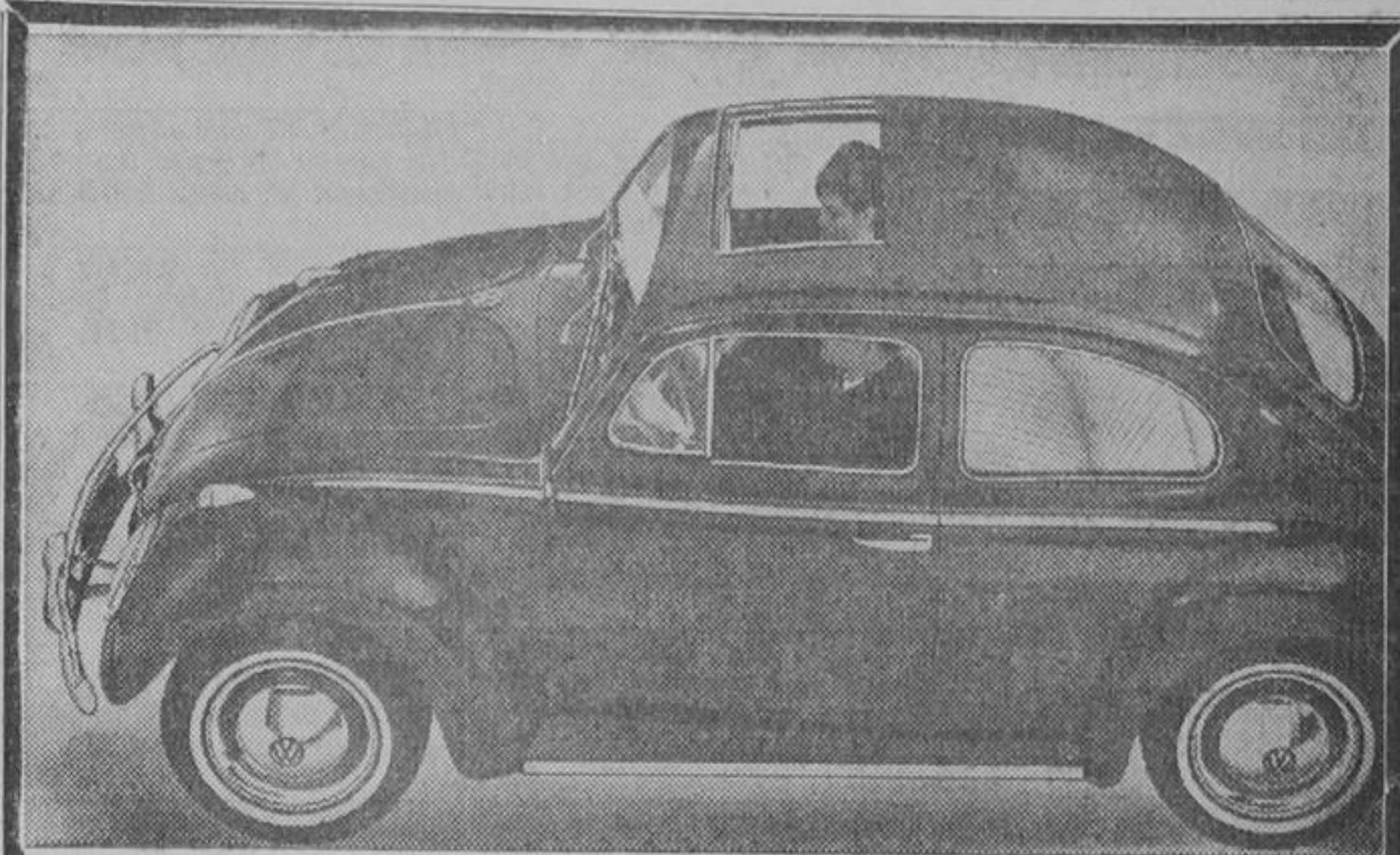
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Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, Naughton Drive, attended the annual Dominion Day celebration sponsored by the Willowdale Rotary Club. A regular feature of the day is the "Antique and Classic Car Show".

Mr. and Mrs. Gord Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Laidman and Mr. and Mrs. Al Miller, Gamble Road, attended the dance recital of Miss Candie Turner June 25 at the Richmond Hill Curtain Club theatre. The children presented "Sleeping Beauty" and guest appearances were made by some of Candie's

friends from the Dennis Moore School of Dancing. Special attraction for Gamble Road residents was a number danced and choreographed by Candie and Joanne Laidman. It was delightful. A party was held after the recital and was asked to remain to celebrate the first recital of the Candettes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fullman and family, Bathurst Street and their house guests, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Harvey of Bellevue, Kent, were entertained at dinner June 26 by Mrs. Joan Edwards, Langstaff and June 28 they were luncheon guests of Mrs. J. Hazelhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Rumble were Sunday visitors of Mrs. G. Kerswill.

Miss Janice Holmes spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. G. Kerswill.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Ash who celebrated their 25th anniversary on July 6.

Linda Flood and Sheila Ash spent the weekend at the cottage at Port Bolster with Mrs. Flood.

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## McFadzean To Head Gideons

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D. Sweney was named vice-president, H. Heise, secretary, S. Patterson, treasurer, and J. Armstrong, chaplain.

Executive positions remaining unchanged are: Memorial Bible Chairman, D. Sweney; Scripture Distribution Chairman, H. Boyd; Church Services Chairman, C. Ratcliff.

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