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Your Legion Reports

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Cubs and Scouts
The 1st Jefferson Cub and Scout annual Christmas tree sale is now on. This year the trees are being sold at the home of Bill Costoff, Yonge Street (six houses north of the Summit Motel), and for only \$1.50 you can take your choice of the lovely Scotch pines. The Cubs and Scouts have dispensed with the sale of tickets this year as they felt it led to too many mix-ups. Proceeds of the tree sale will go to Jefferson Cubs and Scouts.

There have been some changes made in the meeting days of Cubs and Scouts — henceforth Cub meetings will be on Thursday evening (instead of Monday) and the Scouts will meet on Monday evening (instead of Thursday). Time and place will remain the same: 7 pm at the church. BUT WATCH THOSE NIGHTS!

The Cubs will be having their Christmas party on December 16. Latest word from the North Pole has it that Santa will be bringing along his favorite clown to attend the party.

As part of their preparation for Christmas the Cubs have been working on handicrafts lately. "Christmas gifts for Mom". The Cubs also had a visitor at their meeting recently. Officer W. Cowan of the Downsview OPP showed the boys films on safety, and also tested, and passed, the boys on their traffic safety rules.

Looking Around
Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. O. Hopkins in the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Alf Copeland, former Jefferson resident, was a lunch-

con guest at the home of Mrs. Jack Hall, Naughton Drive, December 1. Other guests were: Mrs. E. A. Terry, Mrs. Stan Leno, and Mrs. Marion Passmore. Mrs. Copeland is currently residing in Oakville.

The Rev. D. C. Michell, former rector of St. John's Anglican is staying at the home of Mrs. Giles Kerswill for a short period and while there is taking time out to contact some of his former parishioners and friends. He expects to leave for British Columbia around December 18. Rev. Michell hopes to get back to this community for a few days in January prior to his return to England. He will be sailing from New York on January 15.

The carol service for St. John's Church will be held December 19. More details next week.

The Afternoon Branch of St. John's WA will hold their next meeting December 15.

Mrs. Gordon Gardner, of Bayview Avenue, was the hostess at a joint birthday party held December 4, for Granddad George Topper of Elgin Mills; his daughter, Mrs. Jean O'Halloran of Galt, and granddaughters, Brenda Gardner of Bayview Avenue, and Janey Abram of Midland.

Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Emerson of Bond Lake and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Robertson of Brookside Drive were guests of Shriner and Mrs. Melvin Carter, of Richmond Hill, at the annual Christmas ladies' night dinner held by the El Shamaly Branch of the Rameses Shrine last Friday evening at the Summit Golf and Country Club.

Many things have been thought and said of the Legion in the past, and many things will be thought and said of it in the future. Whatever the opinions, there is no doubt the Royal Canadian Legion is aging gracefully. Last month it celebrated its 40th birthday. What has it accomplished?

The Legion's interests now span continents. Ranging from a track clinic in North Bay to a scholarship program in Nigeria. Whether it be a widow's allowance in Kenya or a hearing aid in Panama, Canadian veterans and dependents the world over turn to the Legion with problems. And through its service bureau they get free, professional help of the highest calibre.

Things have never been better for the 25,000 member Legion. Membership has climbed 25,000 in the past four years, and it continues to increase. The scope of Legion activities today would astound some of the founding members who sat at the unity conference in Winnipeg in 1925. In those days the Legion, necessarily so, was oriented exclusively towards veterans and dependents. There was a great deal to be done.

While veterans and dependents remain the Legion's prime concern, in the past decade it has made phenomenal strides in community service. For instance, its low-rental housing projects for elderly Canadians now exceeds \$5 million in value. Youth is served through \$160,000 a year in scholarships and bursaries, and some 13,000 boys belong to Legion sponsored Scout and Cubs. Thousands more are accommodated through hockey, baseball and other team sports.

The Legion's most imaginative program in recent years is now known around the world. It involves the training of track and field coaches at an annual national clinic which has become recognized as one of the world's greatest. To date some 800 courses have been given to coaches, and 50,000 young Canadians have benefited.

As a Centennial project, the Legion has embarked on an equally ambitious program; it is raising one million dollars so that it can continue to provide a high standard of service to Canadians.

The programs of the next decade may be even more far-reaching than those of the past ten years. Already the Legion is developing a pilot scheme of scholarships for children of Nigerian veterans. It contributes over \$12,000 a year to the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, most of which is earmarked for welfare amongst veterans in developing countries.

In the Council of Commonwealth Veterans, the Royal Canadian Legion is looked to for leadership, just as it is looked to on the corner sandlot, the cinder track, or the local Legion Court. Like many 40-year-olds, the Legion feels

at home in any situation.

Legion uniforms were much in evidence recently when the Zone E2 monthly meeting was held at Legion Court. Some local members questioned the appearance of strange faces in familiar uniforms; and seemed surprised when told that it was quite in order for them to attend the meeting. Some did. Four of them in fact.

Strong contingents from Woodbridge, Aurora and Newmarket were present, together with others from the 12 Legion branches which comprise the zone. Ten of those present were Legion ladies.

Immediate Past Zone Commander Jack Cannon, a short, stocky man with a bulldog face and a protruding 10 cent cigar, dominated the executive scene for a while when he headily queried district boundaries. Deputy Zone Commander Orrie Trueman, looked up from under his bushy eyebrows and adjusted his glasses to watch the wagging cigar. When the bulldog had finished Comrade Orrie lit up a cigarillo, and told the immediate past everything he wanted to know about boundaries.

An attractive young lady from Aurora, Comrade Betty Butler, sat alongside the smouldering pair, competently performing her duties as zone secretary. When she stopped scribbling on her pad for a moment to clarify a point in discussion, a seated member quietly confided to his neighbor that Comrade Betty was considered to be the best secretary in the Legion district.

The proposed U.K. charter flight came up for discussion, and it was reported the original date set for September 1966 could not be guaranteed by the air line. A total of 90 members had expressed interest in the flight, while 133 were required as a passenger minimum. The air line had submitted penalty clauses in their contract, which meant that the flight could conceivably cost the Legion \$2000 if the minimum was not met.

A motion was therefore passed that the flight be held in abeyance until a future date, not set.

Comrade Frank Barrott, reporting as district public speaking and citizenship chairman, said that three branches, Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill would be participating in the social graces during the forthcoming year. He would announce plans shortly.

The meeting adjourned to a table containing cold meats and sandwiches in Tucker's Room, and was shown two films originally scheduled for the evening, but pre-empted because of the meeting.

The films shown, "D-Day Bull's Up" and "D-Day Attack", brought back memories to some Comrade Trueman however, was absent. When asked why he wasn't watching the films he said he had no wish to see them. He said he'd seen it all before.



Legion "A-Go-Go" Girls

Not to be outdone by the discotheques, the local Legion Ladies Auxiliary introduced its line of "Go-Go" girls at its 16th birthday party. These shimmering, shaking and curvaceous beauties were the hit of the proceedings as they got the evening's entertainment off to an uproarious start.

From (left to right) above are: Gloria Sanford, show director; Audrey Apperley, Grete Tonner, Edith Titshall, Kay Wood, Audrey Sykes and Lucy Rickard.

(Photo by Ghaplin)

Stresses 'Importance' Of Nursing, Police Professions

Business and unions have unwittingly produced pressures which have downgraded the status of service occupations such as nurses and policemen.

Speaker was Professor Woodburn Thompson, Richmond Hill at a meeting of the York County University Women's Club at Kingscraft House in King City.

Prof. Thompson left his position at the Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of Toronto to devote himself to study of people in service work "who have been squeezed by the business community into performing their roles in ways less palatable to themselves and to the community at large."

A contributing factor in this downgrading process, the speaker said, has been the decline of humanistic concern in our society. Dignity and individual rights are now subordinated to the concern for comfort.

"This kind of thinking," he said, "has permeated all levels of our society and this type of profit and loss, time-study, and economic thinking does not belong in professions such as nursing or police work."

"It is impossible to evaluate the job done by these people and to set a price on it," he con-

tinued, "since the saving of lives is beyond price. In the case of the police, one man—the best and wisest who can be found should be appointed to study the overall needs of the constable's position and the best type of man to fill it."

This man, he said, must be considered from all angles of personality and attitude and not just educational qualifications. Prof. Thompson feels that personnel people often rely heavily on educational qualifications in order to avoid making a personal judgment of a man.

The man decided upon, he said, must be located and his earnings as a policeman should be higher than those he would make in industry.

"This should be so," he said, "because he cannot take on a part-time job, he is always a policeman, and because he gives up a large amount of personal freedom in taking the job. He is hemmed in by regulations and must always appear and act in accord with his position."

The periodic battles between union and management are only sham battles and Prof. Thompson thinks they have taken on the appearance of a method play where the actors are no longer

fooling the audience, only themselves.

Miss Edna Izzard of Richmond Hill introduced him and he was thanked by Mrs. D. L. Clement, also of Richmond Hill. Mrs. F. Walden, president, announced the next meeting would be held in January.

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