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Cub and Scout News

The annual father and son banquet for the 1st Jefferson Cubs and Scouts was held last Friday evening at St. John's Church. Not only were several of the boys awarded badges — many of the fathers were presented with their group committee badges (in case they're worried — no, they do not have to wear short pants because they got a badge).

During the evening the Rev. E. C. Gerber was appointed chaplain and was awarded his chaplain's badge.

Following a delicious meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans and corn, jello and ice cream; the boys presented several skits, as well as a Cub duet; a rendition of the Beatles; and two accordion solos by Herman Alfermann.

Thanks were given to the members of the mothers' auxiliary who, with Convenor Mrs. J. A. McFee, prepared and served the banquet.

Church News

There will be a service of preparation held Maundy Thursday at 7:30 pm at St. John's. During the service, colored slides will be shown on the institution of the last supper.

On Good Friday, a service will be held at 10:30 am at St. Mark's Chapel, Oak Ridges. The service will include a presentation of the story of the Crucifixion using filmstrip and recorded commentary. There will not be a service at St. John's on Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a service of Holy Communion.

Junior Legion Report

By J. R. SINCLAIR

Many times we have been asked the question, "Exactly what is the Junior Legion?" Other people have confused it with the Red Lantern, the Junior Legion-sponsored dance club.

The Junior Legion is an organization run by the young men of Richmond Hill and surrounding area. Administration, finance, recreation and social activities, discipline and group projects are in the hands of the club members themselves. Assistance is available on request from the Senior Legion.

Active at the moment are a dance club, a drill squad and a judo club. The dance is a money-making proposition, while the others are social events for Legion members only.

Membership fee is \$4 for the first year and \$3 thereafter. Location is at Legion Court, Yonge Street North. Applications are received on Sundays at 2 pm when weekly meetings are held.

That is our story. Further questions can be asked at our meetings or by writing J. R. Sinclair, c/o Royal Canadian Junior Legion, Legion Court, Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, I'll gladly provide the answers, either in this column or by mail.

The Red Lantern has finally broken the 200-head attendance record. Tables and candles have added a romantic atmosphere pending conversion to a teenage nightclub. Dress and conduct regulations will still be rigidly enforced. Girls must wear skirts or dresses and boys must wear slacks or dress jeans. No drinking of alcoholic beverages or horseplay will be tolerated. Breach of rules will result in permanent expulsion from the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke and family of Scarborough were guests for Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. Clarke's sister, Mrs. D. Craclnell, of Naughton Drive.



Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion

By Eric Chapman - 884-0045

Readers may sometimes find that quotations made from other sources prove interesting reading in this column. This week, two separate quotations have been made which readers might like to compare.

The first is from an editorial contained in the current issue of "The Legionary":

"Have the wartime achievements of Canada's veterans diminished in value with the passing of time? Are their services in two world conflicts and Korea any less valuable now than during the crucial days when the very existence of our country and civilization was maintained only by the valor and sacrifice of our servicemen and their gallant comrades — in arms of other freedom loving nations? These questions are prompted by the fact that, up to the time this issue went to press, no reply had been received to the request made by the Royal Canadian Legion in its brief to Prime Minister Pearson on November 25, reiterating the urgent need for an increase in war disability pensions."

"The Legionary" maintains that Canada must continue honorably to discharge her obligations to those of her citizens who, far more than any other class or category, have earned the right to the fullest possible consideration by the country's government. What we primarily wish to stress is the principle of our war veterans receiving fair compensation from the country for which they fought and bled and the principle of that compensation being a first charge on the national treasury. These veterans, still suffering pain, discomfort and worry from wounds suffered in war, are surely entitled to an increase as much as civil servants and members of the Forces. We are aware of the complexities of government financing. But we still believe that the people of Canada will want their elected representatives to give first priority to the gallant men who offered their lives in the hour of Canada's greatest need. We sincerely hope Prime Minister Pearson will announce in the near future that the Legion's request will be met."

The second quotation comes from a speech made by a former distinguished Canadian Prime Minister.

"In the year 1917, just before the Battle of Vimy Ridge, Sir Robert Borden addressed the troops, in part, as follows:

"... You are men actually facing the enemy day and night. You are suffering greatly from fatigue, overstrain and lack of rest. The marvel of it is that men could undergo such a strain without breaking, but you have never yet broken, and history will appreciate that in days to come."

You men are about to enter one of the most serious engagements that ever faced the Canadian Corps. I cannot, at this moment, give you any information as to where this attack will be staged... whether it will be successful or not... We feel confident that you will succeed where others failed; for you have never yet failed in anything as a Canadian Corps. You can go into action feeling assured of this, and as the head of the government I give you this assurance — that you need not fear that the government and the country will fail to show just appreciation of your service to the country and empire in what you are about to do, and what you have already done.

The government of the country will consider their first duty to see that a proper appreciation of your effort and of your courage is brought to the notice of the people at home, and it will always be our endeavour so to guide the attitude of public opinion that the country will support the government to prove to the returned man its just and due appreciation of the inestimable value of the services rendered to the country and empire. And that no man, whether he goes back or whether he remains in Flanders, will have just cause to reproach the government for having broken faith with the men who won and the men who died."

The 'Huntley & Brinkley' of Branch 375, Comrades Bridge & Potter, report films will be shown next Tuesday at 8 pm. There is no charge for admission and films will include: "Call of the West Indies", "1965 All American Football" and "Free from Care". The film committee welcomes all suggestions from filmgoers for future showings.

A benevolent sports night promoter, Gord Mills, reminds everyone they are welcome at the Court next Thursday evening. There is to be dancing till midnight and his advertised statement that "fortune smiles on all" must indeed be true, because here again there is no charge for admission.

AURORA: Fred Boyce, 74, a dispatcher with the Aurora Police Department for the past two years, was taken to York Central Hospital following a recent heart attack. He had complained earlier in the day of severe pains across his chest.

Two Remanded In Vaughan Robbery

Three break-ins from business places in Kleinburg last week have resulted in the arrest of two youthful residents of the town, Vaughan Police reported. Charged with breaking, entering and theft from Perry's Drug Store, Bob's Barber Shop and Sheila's Hairdressers, are Steven Ireland and Roderick Hogg, both 16. The two appeared in Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court Friday and were remanded until (today) Thursday. The sum of \$200 and a quantity of pharmaceutical supplies were taken. The businesses are all located in the same building.

"Body" Said Part Of Old Barbeque

Pieces of charred flesh uncovered in a 3 x 10 foot plot near Musselman's Lake last week, sparked an investigation by Whitechurch Police, but it was a short lived one.

"I don't think there's anything to it," said Chief Fred Mason, who conducted a search of the area after Grant Helmky, Concession 2, Uxbridge, had been reported finding the scorched remains in his pasture during a routine visit to the field to check on his cattle.

"There wasn't a hair or bone or anything," Chief Mason said. He said the site had been a former camping area and he thought what had been left behind were the remains of a barbeque.

Mr. Helmky had dug up the spot when he found car tracks leading to the freshly-turned sod. The pieces of flesh were found in the centre about six inches under the surface, with a book of matches near by.

According to Mr. Helmky the property is a favorite meeting place on the weekends for young couples from the city. Chief Mason said his department had sent three bags of earth from the site to the Attorney-General's department for analysis, but had not received any report back as yet.

NEWMARKET: Mayor Albert Kent recognized George Victor Spencer on a recent television program as an old army buddy. Spencer was discharged from his postal department job in Vancouver because of alleged dealings with the Russians. Mr. Kent revealed he had attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace in which Mr. Spencer was awarded the British Empire Medal by the late King George VI.

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