

**ELGIN MILLS AND JEFFERSON NEWS**

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**Your Legion Reports**  
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This week a collection of miscellaneous literary extracts is submitted for your reading pleasure. We understand that such collections are usually referred to by journalists as "pot-pourri".

The dictionary defines this term as a mixture of dried flower petals and spices etc., kept in a jar for fragrance; and a literal translation would therefore seem to mean that if you use a little "pot" you're bound to come out smelling of roses.

Ontario Command's Membership Committee has embarked on an ambitious program for 1968. A goal of 108,000 paid-up members by December 31 has been set and, as an incentive, all members who bring in five or more new or reinstated members will be eligible for their choice of a set of Legion cuff-links, a pewter stein with the Legion crest or a Legion leather wallet.

It is with some regret that we report that neither the cuff-links, the stein nor the wallet can be filled before presentation.

Comrade Gordon Bayler, who is presently a patient in York Central Hospital, has issued an appeal. He said last week that he and several other patients would like it very much if a group of cribbage players could visit them either in the afternoon or the evening.

Life is very boring lying in bed with nothing to do, and they are not in a position to move the beds around in order to play among themselves.

Sports Officer Gord Mills stated that he would bring the subject up at last Monday's general meeting, and it is hoped that a cribbage delegation will soon be in action on the second floor at York Central.

Comrade Rudy Meitz is also a patient in the same room with Gord, and they are expected to be there for several weeks yet.

Legion charter flights to London, England, are again in abundance this year. Members and their families who might be thinking of flying to Britain for a holiday may be interested in the following charter dates:

July 6 — July 31, via DC8 jet, fare \$255 return, children 2 years and under free.  
July 18 — August 10, via Boeing 707, fare on application.  
August 1 — August 26, via Boeing 707, fare \$268 return.  
August 27 — September 27, via Boeing 707, fare on application.

Further particulars can be obtained from the public relations officer at the Legion Court.

On several occasions it has been asked why charter flights are not operated from Toronto

**Church News**

The Church Extension Board of the diocese of Toronto has approved the recommendations of St. Mark's vestry and wardens concerning the amalgamation with St. John's. Next Sunday the last morning service will be held at St. Mark's when there will be morning prayer and Holy Baptism at which the infant son, Mark, of Angela and Leslie Eliot will receive the sacrament. Following the service there will be a reception for the congregation.

The service next Sunday morning at St. John's will be a celebration of Holy Communion at which there will be the annual church parade of the 1st Jefferson Scouts, Cubs and Brownies.

On the first Sunday in March both congregations will join for worship and the Sunday school at St. John's at 11 am.

The young people's group enjoyed an evening's skating at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wilton, Jefferson Sideroad on Saturday.

Early readers are reminded of the meeting of the Mother's Auxiliary tonight (Wednesday) at the home of Mrs. Don Workman, Gamble Sideroad at 8:30 pm. Scouts, Cubs and Brownies are asked to be at St. John's Anglican Church by 10:45 am on Sunday for the annual church parade.

The Brownies enjoyed a skating party Monday evening instead of their regular weekly meeting. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wilton, Jefferson Sideroad.

Susan Powell held a birthday party Saturday afternoon. Several friends were present but because of the weather were unable to be outside skating.

Birthday greetings are extended to Janet Chapman and Donna Ford on the 22nd, to Barry Locke and Thomas Bell on the 23rd, to Paul Kayes on the 25th and to Jane Hall on the 28th.

There will be a meeting of the community club at the school next Wednesday. It is hoped to have two or more supervisors of Vaughan Township schools come and speak on their educational programs.

**THE Challenge OF Cancer**

The newsletter of the Canadian Cancer Society, "Progress against Cancer", brings its readers interpretation of research advances, news of new methods of preventing and treating cancer. It keeps those interested in close touch with all activities of the Society. It will be mailed on your application to any unit of the Society.

**Hospital Auxiliary**

**Volunteers Served 64,261 Hours In 4 Years**

By MARY DAWSON

The 411 members of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary contributed a total of 15,181½ hours of volunteer work to the efficient running of the hospital during 1967, it was reported at the sixth annual meeting held in the hospital cafeteria on the evening of February 15. This brings the total hours of volunteer help in the four years the hospital has been operating to 64,261.

These hours were spent in new piece of hospital equipment, the salary of the director of volunteers, purchase of new smocks for the volunteers, hospital favors, etc. The auxiliary now has \$16,292.88 on hand, \$12,000 of which is invested, and which will be used to provide equipment for the planned expansion of hospital facilities.

Besides these hours of service in the hospital, many more hours were spent in fund raising projects by the 11 area groups and by the auxiliary as a whole. Total receipts for the year were \$18,827.97 and expenditures were \$10,401.60 which included payment for a 1968 event which will be held May 24.

The gift shop made a net profit of \$4,271.18 and the baby photography profits have paid for the equipment needed and added \$405.50 to auxiliary funds.

The memorial fund, administered by the auxiliary, reported an increase of 30% in 1967 in donations to the hospital in lieu of flowers during a bereavement. The name of the donor is entered in a register, the deceased's family is notified of the gift and a receipt is sent. These gifts enabled the fund to purchase \$900 worth of textbooks for the hospital last year.

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The new executive was installed by Councillor William Lazenby, the mayor's alternate on the board of hospital trustees. President's pins were presented to the four women who have served in the top position: Mrs. Fred C. Jackson, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier and Mrs. W. S. Pocknell.

Guest speaker was Hospital Administrator Gary Chatfield, who with the help of slides explained the planned expansion of the hospital from the present 126-bed capacity to 372 in 1970. He pointed out that during 1967 the hospital had registered 95% of capacity when 85% is considered capacity for a non-teaching hospital.

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