



Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion

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Four hundred representatives had walked over the grounds of the 48 Legion branches in district "E" descended on Woodbridge last Saturday for the spring convention, and weather-wise they could not have picked a better day.

Brilliant York County sunshine greeted the veterans from all parts, and with a stiff breeze blowing to flutter the colorful array of flags, a six-hundred-yard-long parade marching to the skirl of two pipe bands wended its way from the memorial arena to the stone cenotaph, which in Woodbridge is set with majesty high upon a hill.

Two columns of bemedaled Legionnaires stood before the hill in silence as wreaths were laid and the Union Jack was lowered to the sound of trumpet calling the Last Post. And several young boys who could not have been older than five watched the ceremony in awe and must have wondered what it was all about.

Among the head table guests at the noon luncheon of roast beef with all its trimmings were Donald Deacon M.L.A., York Centre and Mrs. Deacon, Reeve Brian Bailey, of Vaughan Township and Mrs. Bailey, and Immediate Past Dominion President Fred O'Brecht.

Comrade O'Brecht, who is also the national committee chairman of the Legion's sports training plan, said that he was delighted to be once again in the presence of men he had known for years.

He noted the motto of district "E" — E for effort, and said that it should be "E for endless effort". He reminisced on personal acquaintances with district officers Jack Flood, Orrie Truman and Jack Hackett and said that such effort creates a better country for all of us.

After touching briefly on the Legion's program to encourage the youth of Canada in the field of sports, the former national president recalled the Battle of Vimy Ridge. He said that he

various other scribes who prefer to remain anonymous.

Poppy Chairman Gus Balderer reported total receipts through the 1967 district campaign came to over \$35,000. Branches spent \$22,342 on veterans' welfare in 1967 and this amount was expected to rise in 1968. Branch 68, Penetanguishene, led the rest of the district in raising money for the poppy trust fund.

The chairman was asked if it had been established whether poppies could be officially distributed in LCBO and brewers retail store premises. He replied that the Legion could not do so officially, "We can't distribute them in the post offices either," he said. And somewhere in the upper timberworks an angel must have asked "Why?"

Membership Chairman George Wood reported that the district had gone over the target of 7,600 set by dominion command. Total membership was now 7,778, and this year the membership trophy went to Branch 34, Orillia.

The public relations officer of Branch 371, Bolton, mentioned during the course of events that his branch while showing a current membership figure of 229, had recently discharged 40 members for reasons of inactivity. "Unlike some other branches," he said, "Bolton does not believe in maintaining a high membership of non-workers. We like to enlist members who have something to contribute."

During the business sessions the wives of members were provided with a bus tour. The bus set out for the Toronto Dominion Centre and other points of interest in the southern hemisphere. The last we heard was good news; and good news of course is no news.

Saturday evening, back at the Branch 375 camp, 200 Richmond Hill fans attended the Lord Power gala dance extravaganza. West Indies night was, as Bob Dickson predicted, really something to see and Della the sweetheart of the tropics was well in evidence.

Luckily for some Legionnaires the medical profession has discovered a new operation called the "opto-dectomy", this is the latest painless method of replacing eye-balls.

Readers are reminded that a Dinty Moore Night in aid of minor hockey will be held this Friday at 7 pm. On April 11, the ladies' auxiliary will stage another English pub night featuring Mac Butler and Wally Andrews the Aurora comedians. This pair were entertaining last Saturday evening at Woodbridge at the district ball, and as an indication of their popularity it is worth noting that all tickets were sold out well in advance.

South Taylor Mills Drive Name Change Is Still Possible

Suggestions for a new name for South Taylor Mills Drive, which will please the majority of residents on that thoroughfare, are being sought by Richmond Hill Council. After a lengthy discussion of the name change during which it appeared that many people objected to Tower Road rather than the change, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst urged the two groups to get together and agree on a name to be submitted to council at its next meeting, when a final decision will be reached. Suggestions should be submitted in writing to the clerk.

At the first council meeting in October 1967, Stan Kucharski, 240 South Taylor

Mills Drive, presented a petition bearing 94 signatures asking for the change of name. It was claimed that three Taylor Mills Drives (Taylor Mills, South Taylor Mills and North Taylor Mills), with duplication of house numbers, created confusion in mail and other deliveries. Delay in mail delivery because of this confusion often led to expense for late payment of bills, it was stated.

The group had selected Tower Road for a name because of the water tower, which stands at the foot of the street and is a landmark easily seen from a great distance. An alternative suggestion was Parkside Road.

A bylaw was prepared to make the change in name

official and was given two readings at the first meeting in December. A judicial hearing was then arranged, at which objections could be heard, before final passing of the bylaw.

However, a counter group of residents presented a second petition against the name change — and the judicial hearing was cancelled pending evaluation of the two petitions. Monday night Clerk Russell Lynett presented his evaluation, which listed the number of signatures on the first petition as 94 (84 owners, 10 tenants) representing 81.03% of the 116 properties. The second petition was signed by 63 owners and three tenants, representing 66 properties or 56.9%. There were 43 signatures which appeared on

both petitions.

Mr. Kucharski, who circulated and presented the first petition, again spoke in favor of the name change. He intimated that those circulating the counter petition used "scare tactics" in gathering signatures. He felt that those who had signed his petition, then had a change of thinking, should have notified council of this in writing — not by signing the second petition. "Let a judge decide if a change of name is needed," he urged council.

R. L. Carter of 439 South Taylor Mills Drive spoke for the second petition. "I have lived on South Taylor Mills Drive for 10 years now and haven't lost any mail. I

like the name and I'd like it to stand."

Ward I Councillor Ivan Mansbridge, where South Taylor Mills is located, stated that after receiving several phone calls on the matter, he had come to believe that the majority of people are in favor of a change of name. "The name chosen is the problem," he felt and then offered an alternative, "Centennial Drive", reminding council it is its responsibility to come up with a suitable name.

Councillor John MacDiarmid pointed out that there were homes on South Taylor Mills where the house numbers were not duplicated on the other streets with similar names. "These people would have no problems in deliveries, or at least no

more than the rest of us," he said.

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins also voiced his approval of a change in name.

Councillor William Lazebny, a resident of North Taylor Mills Drive, admitted that letters sometimes got lost in the first few years, but "I've got used to the name." The mayor, a former resident of North Taylor Mills, directed council's attention to the facts, stating, "Council has no compelling reason to change the name. I have been in favor of the change, but I don't intend to have council spend the whole year in contention on this matter. By next meeting, we must decide whether to send the matter on to the judge or reject the first petition."

Elgin Mills - Jefferson News

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Church News

St. John's Anglican Church was filled to capacity for the family service Sunday morning. All the Sunday school children were in attendance. The psalm was read by Lorrie Sayers, the first lesson by Larry Wilton, the second lesson by John Gerber and the prayers by Caroline Lomas.

The sidesmen were Michael Carson, Leslie Sayers, Christopher Hall and Christopher Watt. Rev. E. C. Gerber, the rector, gave a short illustrated sermon on the passion of our Lord.

A tape recording of the anthem, "Sweet Rose of Sharon" by George B. Shea was also played. Leslie Eliot conducted the catechism instruction.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, at 11 am there will be morning prayer and Holy Baptism. At 7:30 pm at St. Mark's Chapel there will be the monthly fireside hour with a color film on the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral, following its destruction in an air raid during World War II.

Tuesday evening of last week, six men from the parish attended the meeting of the Deaneys Great Chapter at Trinity Church, Aurora, at which Rev. Mr. Gerber showed colored slides with taped commentary on the Arctic.

Two members of St. John's were elected officers of the chapter — R. M. Sayers is now vice-chairman and L. M. Lomas is secretary-treasurer.

The young people's group went roller-skating Saturday evening at the Terrace, Mutual Street, Toronto.

Services for Holy Week and Easter have been announced. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday at 8:30 pm and on Good Friday morning prayer will be held at 10 am. Easter Sunday there will be two celebrations of Holy Communion, at 8 am (said) and at 11 am (choral).

Neighborhood News

A very successful euchre party was held March 26 at Jefferson school by the community club, at which there were 25 tables. All prizes were donated. Winners were Mrs. D. Goulding (box of groceries donated by Morley's Foodland); E. Ford, Brookside, \$10 voucher by Reliable Mower and Marine; Mrs. Audrey Jones, consolation prize.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Hazel Hall, a 22 lb. turkey donated by Sunnybrook Meat Market; C. Rathford, voucher from Avenue Taxi; Mrs. J. Chubb and Mrs. H. Wood, Toronto, won vouchers from Wimbridge Cleaners; D. Sykes a voucher from Village Coiffure; ashrays were won by Mrs. E. Bull and Mrs. K. Crosby.

The committee expresses appreciation to Lianne Costoff, Kim Perry, D'Arcy Bolton, Robby Hallgren and Colin Ford, Bowyer

who assisted with the cloak-room tickets and serving lunch.

Parents may be interested in a meeting at Ross Doan School at 8:15 pm April 8, when Chairman Warren Bailie, Vaughan Township Public School Board, will explain the changes under the new county system.

The next meeting of the community club will be April 24. It is hoped parents of grade 6 pupils at Jefferson and grades 7 and 8 at Roselawn will attend this meeting. Final plans will be made at this meeting for the airplane trip.

Birthday greetings are extended to Patti Bell on the fourth and to Nancy Browne on the 10th.

Jefferson Euchre Club met March 25 at the home of Mrs. Alice Mashinter. First prize was won by Mrs. Beryl Riley, lone hand prize by Mrs. Beth Bowyer.

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