

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
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In last week's report of the Legion district "E" convention held at Woodbridge we neglected to mention that Richmond Hill Branch 375 won the attendance award. Newmarket Branch 426 was a close runner-up for the award — only a pipe band away in fact.

Another report that may be included this week is that of the Legion district essay competition. Readers may recall the announcement made last fall of last year concerning a national essay competition for students. This project was introduced to supplement the poppy campaign, and with prizes being awarded at various Legion levels, the final winners will represent the youth of Canada at the remembrance ceremony to be held in Ottawa on November 11.

Local schools were informed of the competition last October, and our branch made plans to receive a deluge of manuscripts from the many talented young writers that we understand Richmond Hill and its surrounding area is producing in this day and age. But like Gertrude Stein's "lost generation", the entries expected went astray in a similar manner, and not one local creative word was received.

District Essay Committee Chairman Dennis Rolph, said in his report, "I was very disappointed by the lack of the interest shown. Only nine branches out of 48 in the district submitted entries."

The 27 entries were judged at Orangeville Branch 233 on February 12 by Mr. R. Jackson, Mimico School Board; Mrs. E. Anderson, principal of a secondary school in Mono Township and Major C. Taylor of Camp Borden, a teacher.

District winners of the senior essay were Ross Johnson and Marvel Grant, both of Shelburne. Winners of the senior poem were Cathie McLaughlin of Midland and Diane Raeburn of Shelburne. First place in the junior essay was taken by Cathie Trewin of Midland. Tied for second place were Sharon Guthfoyle of Midland and Sheila Smith of Bolton.

At the subsequent judging of entries at provincial level, district "E" had two runners-up. They were Sheila Smith and Diane Raeburn.

Another Legion - sponsored program for students that has been proceeding quietly according to plan over the last few months is that of public speaking.

The district public speaking contest which was held recently at the Legion Court in Richmond Hill revealed an existing eloquence among young Ontarians that is equalled only by their enthusiasm for hockey. Among the winners were Susan

Mrs. Jackson Urges YWCA To Seek New Horizons

By MARY DAWSON

"You people started me off," Mrs. F. C. Jackson, executive secretary of the National YWCA, told the members of Richmond Hill and District YWCA at their annual meeting April 3. "A few years ago, you promised me that for a \$2 membership fee I could join the Y and see the world. You put me into orbit. As I have travelled about Canada and learned of the Y's work in our country and throughout the world I have been getting a different perspective. There are so many facets, but all encompassed by our common purpose," Mrs. Jackson said.

She urged her audience to consider new horizons with a willingness to live fully in the present with respect for the past and interest in the future. She stressed the importance of having an open mind for the needs and needs of others.

The YWCA is a "frontier" movement, she stated, which came into being when Florence Nightingale's nurses, who had defied precedent in going to the Crimea, needed a place to live and to enjoy recreation. Similarly, it filled a need of English girls working in factories in Canada the movement of YWCA has paralleled the settlement of the country from its inception in St. John, New Brunswick.

"I am not the only one to go travelling," others have gone farther away," Mrs. Jackson stated in introduction of a group of slides taken by the Canadian delegates to the World YWCA Conference in Australia last year. The slides gave glimpses of Canada from the Atlantic to the Haida totems on the Pacific, and from Toronto to Yellowknife, the newest Canadian Y. Included were slides of the Australian pavilion at Expo, a snowman in Brandon, craft classes, skiing classes, swim classes, physical fitness classes, New Canadians learning English, and children's groups, a good cross-section of Y work.

Displays around the gym in Crosby Heights School included some mementoes of Mrs. Jackson's trip in 1965 to Inuvik and Yellowknife in the Yukon. Of particular interest was a baby blanket made from many Arctic Hare skins. These had been twisted and knitted on large needles with the finished product being light, delicately soft and warm — the original thermal blanket.

The speaker also touched briefly on projects being undertaken by the YWCA in various Canadian centres. One of these in Toronto will be an attempt this summer to upgrade the English of immigrant mothers and to stimulate the lives of culturally deprived children in the "inner city." Sociology students will be employed in this work — students who might otherwise not find summer employment as there are indications there may not be enough summer jobs to accommodate all students this year.

The meeting got underway with the singing by Judith Dobson of "O Canada". The warm and vibrant young voice gave new meaning to the familiar words to set a mood of dedication for the evening. Rev. William J. Rhodes conducted the meditation period and Mayor Thomas Broadhurst expressed his pleasure at seeing the YWCA flourishing here. "You are looking after areas which were neglected or looked after poorly in the past," he said, urging them to continue, particularly the work with young people.

President Mrs. A. W. Ruby of the YWCA of Canada, in bringing greetings, commented, "This busy and alert association reflects the vitality of this community."

During 1967 income of the Richmond Hill and District YWCA totalled \$21,375.87, which was spent on program services, administration, rent, travel and conferences, public-

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Elgin Mills - Jefferson News

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Local residents are reminded that during this month the cancer society is having its annual campaign for funds. Canvasers will be busy in our area and hope for your financial support. Parents of children at Jefferson Public School have taken home outlines of the plans for the air flights arranged for May 14 and 15. Parents are asked to sign the attached permission forms if they wish their children to take part in the excursion.

Birthday greetings are extended to Kathleen Kennedy on the 11th; to Dana Rushton and Paul Ratchford on the 13th and to John McDougal on the 14th.

St. John's Anglican Church was packed to the doors Sunday morning for a service of Holy Baptism. Fourteen candidates were baptized and one, who had been baptized previously, was admitted into the fellowship of the church.

They were David Paul Stiver, Rebecca Gail Stiver, Gary David Stiver, Cheryl Lee Stiver, Barbara Lynne Stiver, Kathy Jane Stiver, Deborah Patricia Stiver, Trudy Anne Stiver, Danny James Stiver, Ronald Howard Stiver, Daniel Robert Locke, Susan Heather Locke, Wilhelmina Anne Locke, Heather Leigh Passmore and Patricia Louise Bradley. The service was conducted by Rev. E. C.

Joins CBC

Magistrate David Coon of Stouffville, formerly of Richmond Hill, has announced that he will be leaving the bench to take a position as director of divisional services with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

He was to assume his new duties April 1.

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Gerber and the gospels were read by L. Eliot and L. M. Lomas.

A duet, "The Palms" was sung by Brenda Ash and Stewart Bell.

Palm crosses were distributed to the congregation. These were donated by Mrs. Charlotte K. Kenney of Bradenton, Florida, and given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Godfrey F. Kenney, who died suddenly in the reactor's former parish of Fort Stanton in June 1959.

Almost 50 members of the congregation attended evensong at St. Mark's Chapel, Oak Ridges, at which the color sound movie, "Coventry Cathedral" was shown. At the close of the service a social fellowship was held with refreshments served by the ladies.

The young people's group met Saturday evening at the church hall and watched the movie, "Coventry Cathedral". After listening to the results of the Liberal convention, they went down to Richmond Hill for an evening's bowling.

The services for Holy Week AURORA: Council is angry over a refusal of its insurance company to pay two flood claims by Glass Drive residents. The claims amount to \$667 and \$1,000. Earlier flood claims have been settled through legal action against the insurance company, it was noted.

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